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GRAVE DAYS

As all FSR readers must surely be aware, the indications that we are now approaching exceptionally significant and fateful times for the whole of mankind come not just from "Ufology" (whatever that may be), not just from Ecology, not just from Astronomy and Physics, not just from Human Politics and International Relations, and not just from Religion or from Prophecy, but seemingly from every branch of study or of human activity. *And all these factors are coming into play simultaneously.*

And there are two statements on which we might all ponder. The first, made recently by a Nobel Prize Winner, Dr George Wald, of Harvard University:–

> "I think human life is threatened as never before in the history of the Planet. Not just one peril, but by many perils that are all working together AND COMING TO A HEAD AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. And that time lies very close to the year 2000. I am one of those scientists who find it hard to see how the human race is to bring itself much past the year 2000".

The other statement, made somewhat earlier, is to be found in the *New Testament,* (LUKE XXI, 25, 26):–

> "And there shall be signs in the Sun, the Moon, and the stars; and upon earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of the heavens be shaken".

Of all these serious factors which now appear to be threatening the future existence of mankind, assuredly the most urgent and most menacing is that which is posed by *Alien Intelligences* (be these what we usually call "extraterrestrial", or "ultra-terrestrial", or metaterrestrial" — a term occasionally used by Dr Allen Hynek). And we now have abundant evidence that President Reagan always had this possibility very much in the forefront of his mind (as also all Presidents before him since 1947!), and that it has been, for a long time past, a subject of intense discussion between the American and the Soviet Governments.

There is, in particular, considerable evidence to indicate that President Reagan had reason to fear that there would be some sort of major action against mankind by Alien Forces somewhere during this period of 1990-1992. (We shall probably have a lot more to say on this matter in the near future.)

As for the reality of our present situation, the stark fact is that once again the peace and stability of human society are being gravely threatened by a powerfully armed military maniac — all of whose deadly equipment has been supplied by the rest of us!

Another great World War may be in the making, and it is difficult to overlook the dread possibility that, as on all occasions such as this, the baser proclivities and instincts that are present in many human beings are being deliberately utilized as a cloak or screen or as a diversionary operation aimed at drawing our attention away from something else. And an even more terrifying possibility — for which one could adduce quite a lot of evidence — is that nefarious non-human agencies not merely utilize human wars as cover, BUT ACTUALLY ENGINEER SUCH WARS FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

Whatever the position may be, we may rest assured that, if President Reagan had his thoughts about all these matters, then his highly competent successor, together with other key-personnel in his Administration, are fully cognisant of some of these deeper aspects of the world situation.

An interesting factor to be borne in mind is that at least *one* political leader of a modern state has testified to his belief that alien agencies, operating what we call "UFOs", do exist. (See our article on page 20 of FSR 33/3.) That leader is President Hafez Assad of Syria. And it is interesting to note that he is now reported to be sending Syrian troops to stand alongside those of Egypt and Morocco, in the defence of freedom, against his old enemy and rival, Sadaam Hussein of Iraq.

None of us knows precisely what is happening. We see *"through a glass, darkly . . ."* There are several possible explanations for what we see occurring in our world today. But the wise man or woman may not be far off the mark if he or she should conclude that we are seeing what may quite possibly be only a small portion of a far vaster cosmic struggle which has been going on for a long time. There is plenty to indicate that two Great Powers or Great Forces are involved. Our chief difficulty derives from the fact that we do not even know which of those Powers has the control of this planet at present.

As for those who fear the possibility of a major nuclear war, it is worth remembering that, as was strongly indicated in the book CLEAR INTENT by Fawcett and Greenwood (now republished as THE UFO COVER-UP), since as far back as at least 1974, UFOs have overflown American missile sites and rendered the war-heads inoperable. It seems clear therefore that at least SOMEBODY intends that there shall be no use of American nuclear missiles. Since, however, we have still no idea whatever as to which side is in control here, we have no reason yet for feeling any assurance that the controlling power might not look with approval upon the doings of the Thief of Baghdad. Only time will tell. But whatever the short-term prospect may be, we can take it as absolutely certain that OUT THERE, ABOVE AND BEYOND IT ALL, THERE IS AN ULTIMATE POWER WHICH HAS ITS EYE UPON THE SADAAMS OF THIS WORLD. And we can rest in that certainty.

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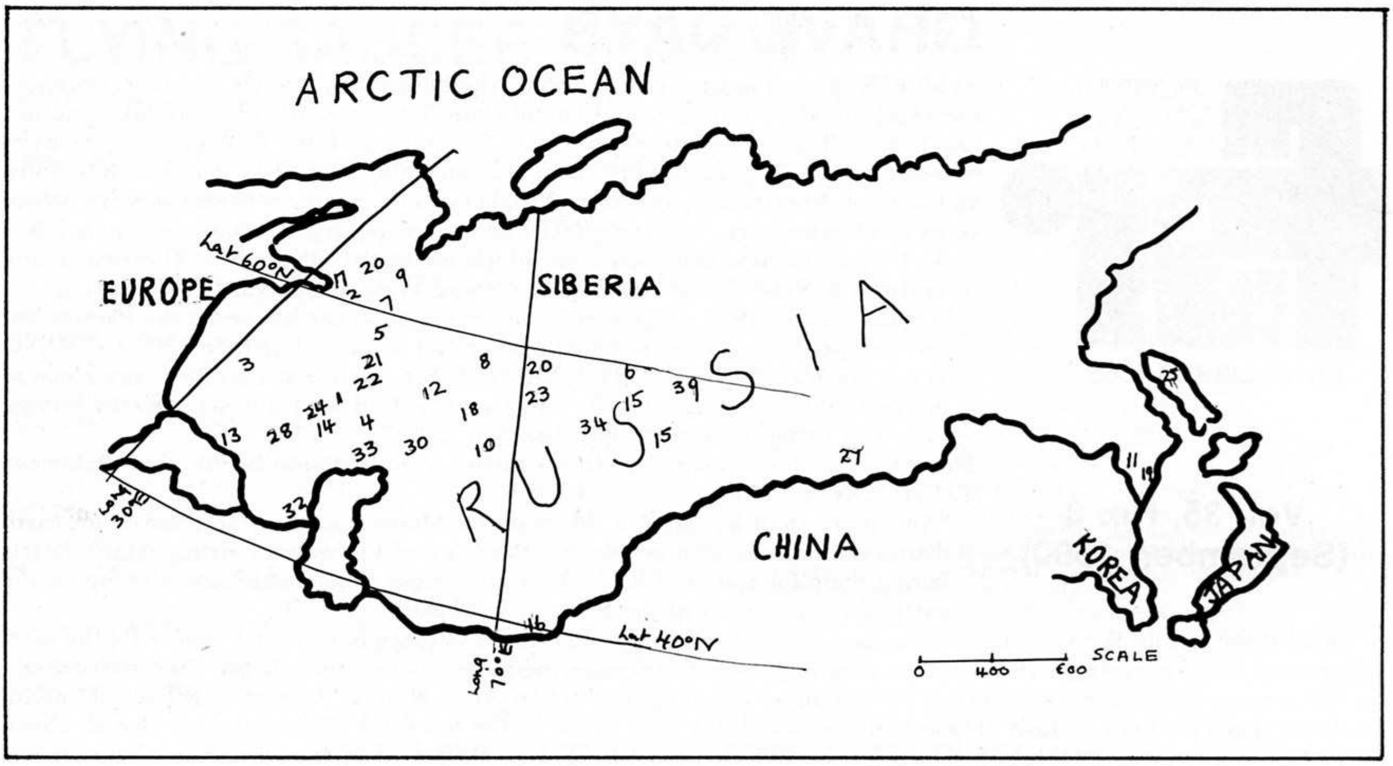

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MORE REPORTS FROM RUSSIA I – SOME FURTHER THOUGHTS ON VORONEZH

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IN FSR 34/4 and 35/1 we reported at considerable length on the extraordinary events that are claimed to have occurred at Voronezh, a city some 300 miles south-east of Moscow, on the evening of September 27, 1989, and on various other days around that time.

The foreign reports on the case went around the world, and the result is that our file on Voronezh is the largest that we have accumulated on any one single UFO story.

As we reported, the Mayor of Voronezh, Viktor Atlasov, lost no time in setting up a Commission of Enquiry. And, as we also recorded (FSR 34/4, page 10) we finally received a clipping dated Monday, October 30, 1989, from the English-language edition of the prestigious Japanese national newspaper, the Tokyo *Mainichi Daily News,* stating that:

"A Soviet scientific commission headed by Igor Sarotsev, Vice-Rector of the University of Voronezh, has concluded that there exists no verifiable proof of a landing by aliens last month in the town of Voronezh."

Well, of course, such a conclusion, and such an announcement, were to be expected!

What "bugs us" about the entire business, however, *is this: since the Voronezh story had been reported so widely, and with so much hysteria, throughout the world, how then does it come about that — apart from the* Mainichi Daily News *in Japan* — not a single other newspaper or news agency anywhere else in the entire world appears to have carried this remarkable denial?

Could it be — we find ourselves wondering — that somebody, somewhere, hastily gave orders to soft-pedal it, out of fear of looking foolish? or — more likely still — out of fear that, after so much publicity world-wide, and so much discussion, nobody anywhere was likely to swallow the denial?

Be that as it may, there are also two other important items to be mentioned in this connection. And we will identify them:–

1. As we also reported in FSR 34/4 (page 10), and elsewhere, our friends of the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group have sent us an item which we have translated and which reads as follows:
"In its session held on July 5, 1989, the Presidium of the Committee on Problems of Energy Information Exchange under the Directorate of the N.I.O. Union of the USSR *established a Ufological Commission. Dotsent (Assistant Professor) V.G. AZHAZHA was confirmed as President of the Commission, with Pilot-Cosmonaut P.R. POPOVICH, Twice-Hero of the U.S.S.R., as Vice-Presi-*

dent." So here — once again for the "umpteenth time" — we have the USSR "establishing a Commission to study UFOs"!

2. The important official military publication SOVIET MILITARY REVIEW (June 1989) carried an article entitled "UFOs AND SECURITY" and signed by Aleksandr Kuzovkin and Aleksandr Semyonov. (The first-named, a Doctor of Science, was a close friend and academic colleague of the late Dr Feliks Zigel, the "founder and pioneer of Soviet Ufology", and when Zigel died in December 1988, Kuzovkin took his place as Lecturer in Mathematics, Physics, and Astronomy, at the prestigious MOSCOW AVIATION INSTITUTE). We think the article speaks for itself, and proves that, like the Government of the USA and other countries, the Soviet Government takes the UFOs very seriously indeed. The full text of the article is as follows:–

SOVIET MILITARY REVIEW
(June 1989)
(Translation from Russian — abridged)

UFOS AND SECURITY

Aleksandr Kuzovkin, Aleksandr Semyonov

Since 1947, when American citizen Kenneth Arnold saw from his plane strange glimmering objects in the mountains, the world has been talking about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). The appearance of UFOs is from time to time reported in newspapers and magazines, radio and television. They are all analysed by scientists.

On August 25, 1966, a USAF officer working on a *Minuteman* missile in North Dakota saw that his radio had stopped functioning. He was 18 metres down in the concrete silo. The ground crew reported that they saw a UFO which alternately descended and climbed. The radar detected it at a height of 30 kilometres, after which the UFO climbed and interference disappeared. And then it started to land. When a group of soldiers dispatched to the landing site was 16 kilometres from the silo, interference broke its radio contact with command. It was suggested that during the 1966-1967 period of UFO activity, the UFOs also visited the *Titan* silos. Experts were concerned over their electro-magnetic effects, that might be capable of influencing the electric equipment of combat missiles.

In the autumn of 1974, a metal disk some 100 metres across approached a South Korean anti-aircraft shore battery. The commander launched a *Hawk* guided missile which was immediately shot down by a "white ray" from the UFO. A second ray was directed at the battery, melting the remaining two *Hawk* missiles into an unrecognisable mass.

The investigation of the UFO problem was launched in the US by the military. In 1974, on order from the Air Force commander, they started *Project Sign*. The Air Technical Intelligence Centre was responsible for research. **Back in February 1953, head of the anti-aircraft committee of the continent, General Benjamin Chidlow stated; "We have a great mass of reports about flying saucers. We regard this very seriously, because we have lost many people and many aircraft which have attempted to attack UFOs."**

Project Sign was subsequently renamed *Grudge* and then *Fang*. But it is better known under the name *Project Blue Book*.

In 1954 the French Ministry of the Armed Forces established a department to collect information about UFOs. In 1977 the French National Space Research Centre created a group of experts to study unidentified aerospace phenomena, GEPAN.

In 1960-1970, public organisations studying UFOs mushroomed throughout the world, notably in Bulgaria, Denmark, West Germany and Mexico. Later UFO fever spread to Canada, Britain, Japan, China and other countries.

In the autumn of 1978, the First Committee of the 33rd UN General Assembly discussed the question of launching international UFO research. The discussion was based on a memorandum from ICUFON, a public US organisation studying UFOs. It provided a wealth of information on the military-technical and military-political aspect of the problem. Afterwards, though, information on UFO research in the West dwindled. The press published only distorted and superficial information about UFOs. At that time, the US launched the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

The study of UFOs in the Soviet Union started in 1958 by a group of enthusiasts led by Feliks Zigel, assistant professor at the Moscow Aviation Institute and the founder of UFOlogy in the Soviet Union. In the mid-1970s, information about UFOs was collected by the Institute of Earth Magnetism, Ionosphere and Radio Waves, led by Vladimir Migulin, corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences. In 1984, a commission to study anomalous phenomena, led by Vsevolod Troitsky, corresponding member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, was established at the national scientific and technological society of nature protection. In April last year, Tomsk hosted a conference on sporadic instant phenomena, which rallied more than 300 scientists and experts from major scientific centres of the Soviet Union. The conference recommended that the Siberian branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences draft a comprehensive programme for the study of the problem.

Many Soviet and foreign scientists tried to present the UFO phenomenon as a natural thing, such as optical atmospheric effects, flocks of birds, rare astronomical phenomena, meteorites, luminous insects, frauds, weather balloons, aircraft, missile launches, streams of space particles, clusters of light, ball lightning, luminous pollutants, Polar lights, etc.

According to the USSR Academy of Sciences, some 90-95 per cent of UFO reports are a result of such causes or a combination of them. But the remaining share constitutes tens of thousands of unexplained phenomena.

Successful study of UFOs is impossible without a considerable expansion of our views of the world. The idea of a multi-dimensional and multi-layered Universe, of parallel or intertwined physical worlds was voiced by major scientists, notably Paul Ehrenfest, Konstantin Tsiolkovski, Aleksandr Friedman, Anatoly Logunov, and Dmitry Blokhintsev.

Materialising the principles of the new political thinking, the Soviet Union is actively working for universal security and disarmament. Against this background, the world public cannot but be worried by the US carrying on with the SDI programme. This ballistic missile defence is designed to control outer space and destroy near-earth, air and space targets. Any system can be effective only if it is managed by super-quick computer systems. It is most important here to correctly identify targets. So, corresponding computer cells must "know" what signal characteristics of the object it is tracking can make it a potential target.

We believe that lack of information on the characteristics and influence of UFOs increases the threat of

incorrect identification. Then, mass transition of UFOs along trajectories close to those of combat missiles could be regarded by computers as an attack.

In the autumn of 1960, all bombers at the Trevis Air Force base in the United States were put on red alert for an attack against the Soviet Union after the base radars detected "targets" flying via the North Pole to the US territory. Suddenly the "targets" disappeared from the screen, and were later explained as "radar reflections of the Moon".

In SDI conditions such incidents could provoke immediate reaction from computers to destroy the "targets", say, by an X-ray laser, which means a powerful nuclear explosion. Or SDI computers could order a counter-attack, which might prove unwarranted. It should be remembered that decisions will be taken not by people but by impartial computers which "know nothing of UFOs". There would be no time to determine the cause of the conflict then, but those who are creating SDI should think about it now.

The UFO problem remains unsolved. It is difficult to predict what would have happened if an incident similar to the Tungus one happened in Europe, America or any other region of local conflicts. Back in 1968, Feliks Zigel, the main Soviet researcher of the problem, said: "The subject and aims of UFO research are sufficiently important to justify any effort. Understandably, international co-operation is vitally needed here."

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR

The criticisms which, in this article, the two Soviet authors (no doubt following the usual "Party line") direct at the United States on account of the *"Star Wars"* programme can, of course, be dismissed at once as pure nonsense and camouflage. No doubt the authors know perfectly well — as both the American and the Soviet Governments know perfectly well — that the American *"Star Wars"* or *S.I.D.* Programme IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND NEVER HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION! IT IS DIRECTED AGAINST SOMETHING ELSE!

If you read the rest of the article carefully, you will see that the two authors know perfectly well that: (1) UFOs do exist; (2) that they are not "plasma formations"; and (3) that they appear to be a serious threat to all mankind.

(Another interesting little point is that the article even contains a brief reference to the theory of "Parallel Universes"! This is the first such mention that I have ever seen in any Marxist source!)

II – DR JACQUES VALLÉE IN RUSSIA

Dr Vallée telephoned to me recently from Paris, saying that he had just come back from Russia. I was particularly gratified to hear that his general view of events there coincided completely with the lengthy summary which I had given in FSR 34/4. In particular, I understood him to say that there had definitely been more than one reported UFO landing in or around Voronezh in the closing days of September 1989.

G.C.

III – THE STRANGE EVENTS AT KONANTSEVO, NEAR KHAROVSK (JUNE, 1989)

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In FSR 34/3, and again in 34/4, we reported briefly on the strange experiences of a number of Russian children in the village of Konantsevo, near Kharovsk, in Vologda Province, north-east of Moscow, on June 6, 1989.

The Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group have now supplied me with two detailed reports covering these extraordinary events, and I have translated them both and give the full texts below. They are probably as comprehensive as anything we are likely to see about the famous Kharovsk Case.

The only comment on the Konantsevo/Kharovsk affair from a scientist that we have seen so far is the following, which certainly deserves to be noted and placed on record:

STATEMENT BY SOVIET PHYSICIST, ALEKSANDR KUZOVKIN, DIRECTOR OF THE MOSCOW INSTITUTE OF AVIATION.

In its issue of August 12, 1989, SOVIET WEEKLY, put out in London by the NOVOSTI News Agency in collaboration with the Soviet Embassy, a Soviet scientist, Aleksandr Kuzovkin, who has studied UFOs for almost 20 years, discussing the earlier Russian UFO landing report from Konantsevo, was quoted as follows:–

"There is nothing unique about such reports: at least 10,000 eyewitness accounts have been recorded by the Moscow UFO Research Team alone; and it is estimated that over 100,000 encounters with unidentified flying objects have been registered the world over . . .

This is just my own hypothesis. Other members of our Soviet Academy of Sciences are, however, more pessimistic. For instance, Academician Migulin, Head of the Academy's *Anomalous Phenomena Research Unit,* believes we still don't have enough information either to confirm or to deny anything concerning UFOs. He maintains that all extraterrestrial phenomena have down-to-earth explanations."

IV – EXTRACT FROM BULLETIN No. 8/1989 ISSUED BY THE YAROSLAVL' UFO STUDY GROUP ©

(Translation from Russian. G.C.)

The Phenomena at Kharovsk

We have reported on this in Bulletin No. 7,* and now give herewith further details of the so-called *"Kharovsk Phenomena"*.

Members of our Group went to Kharovsk and, together with investigators from other cities, looked into these happenings. Like many of the others there, we also came to the conclusion that the events really had taken place. Moreover, our Group has received a whole lot of letters from Vologda Province, in which eyewitnesses describe their own observations of similar phenomena.

The most widely reported, in the Soviet press, of the sightings in that region were the following:

1. The landing of four shining globes, and the emergence, *from each of three of them,* of black, headless, flat, robot-like "beings".
2. The observation, near a road, of a shining, mushroom-shaped object.
3. Observation of an elongated object which flew overhead, and hovered, and inside which could be seen four dark human-like figures.
4. Sighting of two shining human-like "beings" on the surface of a lake.
5. Sighting of a globe, on the surface of which appeared constantly changing images and, in particular, the outline of a human face, a dive-bomber aircraft, a tank, etc. A detailed account of this case can be seen in the newspaper *"TRUD"* of June 24, 1989; in the newspaper *"KOMSOMOL'SKAYA PRAVDA"* of June 25; and also in other papers.
6. On June 24, 1989, a woman named A.D. Golovatskaya saw a long flying object.
7. The following account agrees with Golovatskaya's:
   "On June 24, 1989, from 2246 hrs. until 2250 hrs., in the village of Chёbsara (in the Sheksninskiy region of Vologda Province) the middle-school girl student Ol'ga Kozlova and her sister both observed a low-flying, large, rocket-shaped object that looked as though totally covered with glass ('of an aluminium colour, with a yellowish tint'). Behind it came a darkish orange-coloured 'tail' about half the length of the main object itself. The eyewitness continued: "It (the craft) seemed as though consisting of several rockets. The turbines of one rocket; the whole rocket itself (apart from its 'nose') of a second; and the 'nose' of a third. The 'nose' was blunt. The turbines and 'small wings', plus the 'nose', were all of a red colour. The 'nose' was shooting out orange-yellow stars. Finally, it changed course by a bit more than 100° or 80°, and headed off towards Kharovsk. It was travelling quite silently, and at varying speeds."
8. On that same day, at about 2300 hrs., at Babaevo, in Vologda Province, Ira Glazova and her father looked out of the window and observed a "dazzlingly bright shining globe with a trail" fly past. It was travelling from N.W. to S.E., and they observed it for one minute, until it vanished over the horizon.

   As is already known, A.D. Golovatskaya also mentioned "a casing resembling glass"; a "fish-like tail, or trail"; "small wings"; and an "oval-shaped nose". She too emphasised that at first the object was flying from N.W. to S.E. and then changed to a westward course.

   The possibility that in all these three cases one and the same object was observed is therefore not ruled out.

   [As regards the sightings of black, headless, flat, robot-like "beings", nothing of this kind was seen at any of the other places and this raises doubt as to the reality of the existence of such beings as described.]**

   Further on in this Bulletin we will give the account of one of the cases reported from Perm' Province in the summer of 1989.

In our opinion, the anomalous phenomena in Vologda Province belong to the increasingly frequent general picture of phenomena of this kind in recent years, both here in our country, and also throughout the world as a whole, and clearly the case constitutes in itself "a single peak in a whole mountain range", as one might say.

Firstly we must bear in mind the events at Kharovsk. It is still too soon for us to be able to draw any final conclusions about it all.

We also possess other, similar, interesting reports from the Vologda Province, and we shall continue to say more about them in future issues of our Bulletin. In turn, we would ask those investigators who are working on the "Kharovsk Phenomena" to send us as soon as possible their accounts of the case.

The Case in Perm' Province (July 16, 1989): "Almost the same as at Kharovsk"

In the Chernushenskiy Region of Perm' Province during the summer of 1989 there were some happenings somewhat reminiscent of the Kharovsk case. No mention of them appeared anywhere, either in the local newspapers of that Province, or via the Radio and TV, nor was it even known to the Perm' Branch of the All-Union Commission on Anomalous Phenomena. The person giving the account is G. Sharoglazov, a beekeeper at the Gor'kiy Collective Farm:–

"On July 16, as usual, I spent the night at my apiary in the woods. About midnight, I stepped out of the guard-hut. And there I saw two strange, unknown shining objects, almost touching each other, hanging at a height of about 200 m. or so above the ground. They were egg-shaped, and bigger

than our average sized air-liners, but smaller than the modern *Tupolevs*."

Lyubov Medvedeva, a milkmaid at the *Rassvet* Collective Farm, said: "At about 4.30 a.m. on July 16, I saw a dark figure coming quickly towards me. In height it was taller than the average human, but the legs were short and stubby. The arms were long, reaching below the knees. On the shoulders, instead of a head, there was only a small knob. When it was 20 m. from me, I was paralyzed by it. Suddenly the figure lit up, and then vanished. I ran to the farm. And, when I looked back, the figure appeared again and was still approaching." (Reported in newspaper *Sotsialisticheskaya Industria.* Quoted also by TASS News Agency.)

V. Chikodanov, boilerman at the farm said: "Lyuba rushed in, scared. It was decided that we would set an ambush next day in the meadow. A lot of folk went there. They waited a long time, but they saw nothing. Later, almost all of them had left, but we and our children, and Sasha Sannikov and Sergei Kokorin, we hid in the hayloft and watched. And in the darkness, at a distance of some 300 m. or so from us, we saw two black beings appear, with no heads. They walked very rapidly across the field and disappeared behind a hillock".

A man named G. Medvedyev later claimed that he also had seen the same two strange beings, crossing the same spot, *several times over a period of five days.* A man named M.V. Mielchakov also saw them, at much closer quarters, as they crossed the meadow near his house. In all, there are a total of at least 15 witnesses on record in Russia — people of varying age groups and in varying places — who, over a period of several days in 1987, claim to have seen "black creatures without heads". G.C.

A host of similar sightings to this have come from pretty well all over the entire territory of the USSR. The greatest activity of the phenomenon occurs in May, June, and July. At the present time, we are seeing a slight drop in the activity of the UFOs.

NOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

* We have not seen Yaroslavl' Bulletin No. 7.

** It must be borne in mind that when the Editor of the Yaroslavl' Bulletin wrote these words, he quite certainly did not yet know of the four "headless black creatures" seen by the children at Konantsevo, Kharovsk, on June 6, 1989, or of the "headless black being" seen by the beekeeper and the milkmaid in the Chernushenskiy region of Perm' Province on July 16! And, moreover, on September 27 would also come the landing at Voronezh. There too, the witnesses claimed to have seen several "headless, black creatures", and in FSR 34/4 we published some of the children's sketches which included such a being, along with a black square headless thing which was thought to be a robot. On the whole, it looks as though the evidence for the existence of such "headless" critters is very strong indeed. — G.C.

V – A FULLER REPORT ON THE KHAROVSK (KONANTSEVO) CASE LITTLE KHAROVSK SHAKES THE ENTIRE VAST COUNTRY

By V.D. Musinskiy, Editor of the Yaroslavl' UFO Investigation Group's Bulletin. ©

(Translation from Russian. — G.C.)

In the small Russian town of Kharovsk, of the like of which there are thousands in our land, live Sergei Belyaevskiy, Sasha Krasavin, Marina Shiryaeva, Olya Krylova, and Lyuda Rybakova — a group of ordinary boys and girls. Their names are now known to the entire country. For the fact is that, at 1330 hours on June 6 of this year (1989), they were eye-witnesses to a shattering event.

The children were returning from a river, and had got to about ½ km. from the village of Konantsevo when the smallest boy, Sasha Krasavin, noticed a "kite" in the sky and, near it, a shining point of light.

A few seconds later, it had grown into a big brightly shining ball four metres wide. At Kharovsk ball-lightning is not uncommon. Consequently the boys at first paid no attention to the phenomenon. But the ball went on growing in size, and coming nearer to the ground. Three of the children became alarmed, and ran away.

After reaching the ground, the ball rolled towards some more distant bushes, halted near them, and then split into two halves like a divided orange and out came a man.

However — he was more like a *robot* than anything else. He was *headless,* with a short, flattened torso, long legs, and inordinately long arms, which almost touched the ground. When the being walked, his hands and feet did not bend. But he walked very easily and confidently, straight ahead as if on an absolutely flat road. (But we were out there on that field ourselves later — and you could easily break your neck there, so uneven was it!)

The visitor went off towards the village. At that time a woman in a pink or red dress was going from the town to Konantsevo. The frightened children shouted to her that she was walking towards a being from another planet, but, from the low vantage point where she was, she never saw him, and she never heard the children.

When she got to the bushes, the ball was no longer there. And so nobody saw any trace-marks after its instantaneous disappearance.

As he strode off through the village, the visitor, in a black one-piece suit, turned around and looked back. And then the children perceived that, *seen from the side, he was absolutely flat,* and that on his chest he had a shining ball or oval about 30 or 40 cms. wide.

Now the visitor was heading straight towards the woman. He (out of gallantry, maybe, not wanting to frighten the lady, who was no longer young?) vanished forthwith. *When the lady had reached the spot where he had vanished, the same thing happened to her!*

But, some ten seconds later, the lady appeared again some 40 metres away towards the side.

Terrified, and shouting "Help!", she fled.

Soon after that, a second shining ball appeared. It settled down not far from where the first one had landed. And, again, out of it came a similar being, clad in black. He walked for a few metres, and then vanished.

In all, in the course of half-an-hour, the schoolchildren saw four such UFOs and their mysterious occupants, who likewise all simply vanished without trace in the same way.

A few days later, we ourselves came rushing into Kharovsk by a night-train.

During the entire journey from Yaroslavl' I had experienced a feeling of senseless rage, which never left me. We "UFO buffs" spend our time and money on long train journeys, and we cannot even get time off from work, and yet official Science is at present afraid to tear away from its armchair the heavy weight of its own spine. Even if a massive case of psychosis were to occur, that would at least be interesting. And — alas! — I am still plagued by the total absence of any operational links with Ufologists in other countries — and this also is only one of the "distorting facets" that control our lives.

After these reflections, I was still far from having evaluated, in a flash, all the importance and the singularity of what is now happening.

At that moment, the main thing was not the story told by the schoolchildren, but rather the very fact that the news of a possible landing had been published in one of the central newspapers of the nation, the *"Komsomol'skaya Pravda"*. After that, other newspapers picked up the story, and, throughout the land, aliens were seemingly wandering around in droves. Reports appeared of an extremely *"active" zone* near Perm', and of landings at Kiev and at Voronezh.

The fact that not all of these reports are reliable is unimportant. Far more valuable is the fact that the reports appeared at all. For in actual fact it signifies that one more ridiculous ban has been lifted.

Likewise, at the landing site at Kharovsk, nobody interfered with us, whereas — just a few years ago — when we were unable to prevent the dissemination of talk about a landing near our own home city of Yaroslavl' and about contact with beings of other planets, even the KGB were thrown into alarm, *and we were made to feel it!* At that time it obviously disturbed them, as though the Western Secret Services had guessed that in the USSR petrol is produced precisely in oil refineries.

But let us return to the events at Kharovsk, and, more particularly, to our own visit there. And we finally admit that it is a fact that this little place has shaken the whole of our vast country.

We spent a day strolling around the town, and spoke to many people.

In my younger days I loved the Vologda Province, and in general I knew the people there. They are folk who are close to the Earth, and to Nature. They might still believe in "unclean powers" — but as for Extraterrestrials — "God save us from it!" And they have also never read any books on UFOs, or any Science Fiction — because there aren't any there. What has been exciting them more in the past year — far more than any talk about E.T.s — has been a sudden attack by the Colorado beetle!

"Like fathers — like sons". The local children are likewise not inclined to hoaxes or mystifications, and are full of rural commonsense. Their accounts inspire total confidence — they even overcame my own scepticism!

As it turned out, we found that the entire town was overflowing with the accounts of the eyewitnesses. I will give just a brief overview of some of the most reliable and most interesting of the stories:

1. CASE OF GOLOVATSKAYA

At 2245 hrs. on April 24, 1989, a lady named T.V. Golovatskaya saw a bright glow. Shouting *"Mum — get up! There's an aeroplane on fire!"*, she rushed out onto the road.

From the balcony of the house her mother saw, coming towards the house, a long quadrangular flying object. Coming down from it to the ground was a vivid greenish beam of light. The area of ground covered by it was lit as brightly as at noonday.

Another eyewitness, Antonina Dimitrievna, also remembered the flying object precisely — 10-12 metres long, a blunt nose, a "fish-shaped" trail. The mysterious power of it overwhelmed her again when she was back indoors, and for three days she refused to quit her room.

When Golovatskaya's mother saw that the nose of the UFO was about to pass very close by her balcony, she tried to push the curtains aside to get a better view of it, but she was unsuccessful and so did not manage to secure that better view.

This piece of testimony is supported by the fisherman who also saw this UFO. As described by Mme Golovatskaya Senior, in the first few seconds a light that came on inside the craft *revealed four pilots in it.* Two of them quickly moved towards the rear-end, but the other two remained at the controls. At that moment, the casing of the UFO resembled *glass,* but when the craft came closer to the house the dark alloy of the casing defied any determination as to what its precise nature might actually be.

2. CASE OF V. PRUDNIKOV

At 3.00 a.m., during that night, Mr. V. Prudnikov's car suddenly stalled, at a place 30 kms. from Kharovsk. And suddenly all around became as bright as day. Prudnikov made a detailed examination of his engine, but could find nothing wrong. He tried again to drive on, and this time the engine started. Then, at about 5 m. distance to his left, he saw something resembling a gigantic mushroom, 2 metres high. It was standing on five or six legs, and had two antennae on the top, like a Diesel locomotive. All around it, it was throwing out a vivid greenish-yellow light. At that point Prudnikov was overcome by terror and made off. Seven kms. further along the road he met a KRAZ driver, who, looking at him, thought he was a madman.

3. CASES OF V.R. MIRONOV AND OTHERS

On June 17, 1989, V.R. Mironov and other eyewitnesses saw, at a distance of some 500 metres, a shining ball in the sky. It resembled the Moon, but was of a yellowish-grey hue, and of the apparent diameter of about 5 m. The ball was at a height of some 20 m., and bore what looked like a number of greyish-brown spots. The eyewitnesses came abreast of it, and then, suddenly, there appeared on it an image of what looked like "a human face". The image was delineated by brown hatched lines. And, simultaneously, the ball became stationary. Then the image vanished, and the ball started to move again.

Then suddenly a "hat" appeared on the ball. Soon it assumed the appearance of an ingot of pig-iron, changing colour from yellow to crimson, while, in the middle, a grey stripe now appeared.

Then a flashing spot lit up dimly. It lit up for two minutes or so, until from it there appeared the outline of "an aircraft in a dive". Then, a couple of minutes later, the "aircraft" turned into a "tank".

Then the image on it faded out, and three shining points began to sparkle, forming a glowing isosceles triangle. The "performance" ended as suddenly as it had begun — and the UFO had vanished.

When the eyewitnesses arrived at the home of Mr M. Kudelin, the latter cried: "Where have you been? — Look!" And, at precisely the same place as one hour before, there was the same ball again, shining. This time, however, no "presentation" followed, and the ball soon vanished.

*I want to remind readers that Kharovsk is not far from Plesetsk, where we launch our rockets. But to say that what was observed at Kharovsk was simply Soviet "rockets" — well — I ask you — it's a far too complex picture for that!**

The girl Olya Krylova, as it turned out, was at the home of her grandmother in a village near Kharovsk. And — what was most important of all — nobody had yet interrogated Olya, and she had not had the necessary time to "learn her story by heart". Furthermore, as it turned out, since her encounter with the Extraterrestrials she had not seen the other children at all. *Consequently, they could not have made any agreement together about what to say.* Yet her story turned out to be, word for word, virtually identical with what the other children had said earlier. Individual small points do not matter. Her sense of the timing was almost faultless.

One of my colleagues went to do some *dowsing ("biolocation" in Russian. G.C.)* at the spot where a ball had landed at Konantsevo. Olya Krylova, who comes from a different district than Kharovsk, went with him and, with her gestures, led him right to the spot. And she directed him to it with an accuracy of within half-a-metre, although the distance in a straight line to that spot was not a whit less than 300 or 400 metres! (She did not know — and had not seen how — already on the previous day, one of the members of our Group had taken soil samples from that very spot.)

In a word — there was not the slightest doubt about the reliability of Olya Krylova's story.

But there is some doubt still about the results of the dowsing. A. Semyonov's dowsing gear did not work at the landing-site, and he was unable to come to a firm conclusion. But my own dowsing gear did work satisfactorily.

The area was very small, but I did not manage to get a cross-reading on it. The evening before, and also now, when I was working on the site, I had a fearful headache, so, hoping to stave off something worse, I broke off my attempt.

Evidently I did the right thing, as the headache, despite a good sleep that night plus pain-killing tablets, did not abate, and did not clear up until the following evening.

Two members of our Group, Yu. Kolotiev and E. Kashtanov, also went to the spot where Mr V. Prudnikov had had his experience. They found a broken birch tree there, which looked as though somebody had twisted it. ("Technology" is of no use in this sort of case, and I would not attempt to answer the questions that arise. Maybe the examination of the bark of the birch tree will give us an answer later.)

Our attempts to find the lady in the red dress, who had vanished and then turned up again, were, however, unsuccessful. But, once again, there was no doubt as to the *reality* of her existence, for the local inhabitants "tipped us off" as to where the lady's relatives or friends live. Alas, however, the importance of our efforts in this matter was not grasped. But we are not the only people in Russia studying Ufology. There are also other groups elsewhere in our country. (As will be seen, they did eventually find the lady. G.C.)

4. MR M.A. MIL'KHIKER AND HIS INVESTIGATIONS

This gentleman, an active member of the USSR All-Union Astronomical and Geodesic Society under the USSR Academy of Sciences, has worked for many years in the field of Cosmonautics, but in addition to that he is also a well-known investigator of UFOs!

So he made the long trip to investigate the Kharovsk Phenomena and in the course of doing so, he made use of so incisive a weapon as *hypnosis.* (It is possible that these investigations of his may also be available for study in the West, as films about them were made by both SOYUZEXPORTFILM and INTERPRESS-VIDEO teams.)

5. TESTIMONY OF THE BOY SERGEI BELYANEVSKIY UNDER HYPNOSIS

With a few insignificant abbreviations, I give below the full account provided *(under hypnosis)* by Sergei Belyanevskiy:

"We are coming back from the river, and chatting among ourselves. Sasha Krasavin sees something in the air near Konantsevo village, and Lyuda Rybakova says maybe it is extraterrestrials . . .

"In the sky there was a paper kite. Then a spot of pale yellow light appears. We go down from Tsentral'naya Road, and go down in the direction of the river Kuben. A spot of light is coming down, it is blinking, it is getting bigger. Ira and Sveta got scared and ran home. I felt scared too. Lyuda persuaded me to stay and watch. The ball is skimming along towards the bushes. It stops, it splits in two. A being comes out of it. The ball closes up again, flashes for two minutes, and disappears.

"The being has no head, and arms reaching to below his knees. I'm scared. I want to run home. Lyuda and Olya persuade me to stay.

"The being is moving off towards Konantsevo. He turns around and looks back four times.

"A woman appears from among the bushes. We shout: *"Don't go on! There's an E.T. there!"*

"She got to half-way up the hill. I get the shivers up the spine. I want to go home, but I stop myself. *The woman disappears, and then appears again,* and runs toward the river Kuben, and shouts *"Help!"*

"A second ball of the same size and colour appears, and comes down towards the brook. It seems to me that the ball is rolling towards me, and that there is a being, just like the one that came out of the first ball. It's terrible . . . We kids link hands.

"A third ball has landed near a tall pole; it has split into two halves, and then vanished. A being comes out and goes to another pole and also disappears. A fourth ball is coming, flying on the same course . . . It has landed nearer to us — close to the first ridge. It's beautiful. I can't stand up. Maybe it's an invisible being. I'm going to scream . . . Then I was the first one to bolt . . then the girls after me . . ."

Sergei Belyanevskiy asked to be hypnotized again and to be 'returned' to the events he had witnessed. Again he approaches the lady in red, and he gives a detailed description of her appearance, her clothing, and her footwear.

The hypnotist gives Sergei the suggestion that he is very strong and very brave, and asks him to approach the Extraterrestrial. Sergei replies:

— "All black. No fastenings visible. Long legs. Has a mere knob of a head. Three antennae on it. On the antennae, little circles/or balls — look like made of metal, shining very bright.

"— no ears — just holes. Mouth small, triangular, acute angle at the top. Nose — two holes. No eyes, spots of a darker shade, not moving. Small neck, no helmet on head. Body oval, black, like coal. Arms long, below the knees — lying close beside the body, as in man.

"Three fingers, all alike, without joints. Long legs of black colour, of same material as the body. Feet flat, no toes, no heel." Later on , Sergei described the dimensions of all the parts of the entity's body; and the gait; and he reproduced in detail the behaviour of the woman in red.

To the amazement of all those present, when asked by the hypnotist to go close to the ball, *Sergei discovered that it had three portholes, through which he 'saw' several beings at a control-panel.*

After that, the hypnotist asked Sergei to sketch the cosmic ball and the Extraterrestrials. *The shapes in his sketches were almost identical with those made by him before the hypnosis session, with the addition of some parts mentioned in the account.*

6. THE ACCOUNT OF THE GIRL MARINA SHIRYAEVA, UNDER HYPNOSIS

Under hypnosis Marina Shiryaeva gave almost identical details of the "thing from Space", its internal construction, and the aspect of the "Extraterrestrials". The only difference lay in the fact that, instead of a *'head'*, she saw an oval, and two antennae like wires, on the tips of which were little balls of the same colour as the "Space-craft" itself. According to her account of how the ball opened into two halves, indentations were subsequently found at that spot.

In addition to the control-panel, she saw (in one of the balls) the shadow of a being sitting looking at the screen of a small TV apparatus on which she could see a kite soaring.

7. THE ACCOUNT OF THE GIRL LYUDA RYBAKOVA, UNDER HYPNOSIS

In general Lyuda Rybakova produced the same sort of "Extraterrestrial" as before she was hypnotized. On his belly he had a 'shining disc'. His arms started from the upper, oval part of the body. In place of a *'head'* she sketched something like the ears of a hare. In the place of the mouth she had a rectangle.

8. THE ACCOUNT OF OLYA KRYLOVA UNDER HYPNOSIS

Olya Krylova's sketch, made under hypnosis, showed the same consistency as her first sketch, but with no fresh details. The unknown 'Visitor' is shown by her as *headless.*

9. THE STATEMENT OF MR VADIM PRUDNIKOV UNDER HYPNOSIS

V. Prudnikov also confirmed, under hypnosis, that at the end of May 1989 he had seen a mushroom-shaped object near the village of Afonikh, in Vologda Province. In his sketch made under hypnosis the craft had a few additional details.

In his first account, he had said that it was no longer stationary, but was showing signs of life.

Our investigators went to the spot, and established the angles of the craft's flight and descent. As dowsing gear they used single-cell water-plants in a test-tube. At the area below where the craft had reportedly been hovering, the plants distributed themselves uniformly, producing an even, greenish light. Outside of that area, they gathered themselves together in clearly visible, parallel, dark-green coloured veins.

Other instruments used also showed anomalies in that spot in the clearing.

10. "THE LADY IN RED" FINALLY FOUND

The "lady in red" was also finally found, but yielded nothing new to the picture. *Desiring to remain anonymous, she was unwilling to accept hypnosis.* (In the opinion of Mr Mil'khiker, the astronomer and scientist from the Soviet Academy of Sciences, all the information about the contact would in any case have already been erased from her brain by "them".)

Subsequently, two fishermen were found who had seen two greyish-green beings at the Kumzerskiy Lake. The fishermen were a father and son, named Kurkov. The two beings were standing in the middle of the reservoir, where the depth is quite considerable. One of the beings was glowing brightly, *'like the glow of electro-welding'*, and was enveloped in a halo of the colour of pure gold.

11. THE SIGHTING AT THE VILLAGE OF VARANIKHA

On July 17, 1989, three lads from the village of Varanikha, named Zhenya Ershov, Sasha Krupchatkin, and Alyosha Tikhomirov, saw a vivid red ball travelling slowly by, from East to West, at a height of a few score metres. Then it turned to an orange hue, split into two parts above a pine forest, and vanished.

Well now — all this mass of reports cannot just be "happenstance".

During the evenings, our Investigators went to the village of Konantsevo — now so famous throughout the entire USSR — and made some videos. And this led to an interesting result.

At one moment we were examining a docu-

ment, on the tele-screen, when some shining spots of light appeared in the sky, which at first we took to be car headlights. Then, above the horizon, from the northern part of the sky, they began to increase in size, turning finally into whitish-yellowish balls of light. They were moving around in the sky in a fantastic fashion, leaving short bluish trails that rapidly dispersed.

Other eyewitnesses saw similar phenomena subsequently.

The scientist Mil'khiker considers that these "cosmic balls" are objects of non-terrestrial origin. He thinks they are occupied by cyborg-beings (bio-robots), that is to say, cybernetic organisms of high molecular polymers. With a view to a starting point for us to make contact with these Space objects and their occupants, Mil'khiker thinks they have been employing some nice little methods for plunging humans into a hypnotic condition and then withdrawing the humans' consciousness into the cosmic information field. In Mil'khiker's view, these experiments have already been successfully completed. The intended link-up, which was the objective of the apparatus, has been achieved, he says.

Naturally, "the opinion of the apparatus" is a momentous opinion — but, all the same, I will permit myself to express one little doubt. *So far as I know, not a single law-court in the world yet recognizes evidence given under hypnosis. I admit that the evidence secured by Mil'khiker's group in Kharovsk is very interesting. But why do we have to attribute total significance to it? Where is the guarantee that, under hypnosis, the eyewitnesses have not subconsciously simply confirmed what the investigator himself wanted?*

And — just before I close — a small, totally small, mystery: On June 6, 1989, the children at Konantsevo saw a *"kite"* in the sky. At some other place, the presence of a paper kite in the sky would be a trifle of absolutely no significance whatsoever. *But, the fact is that in Vologda Province the children don't fly kites. And in the past they never flew them there either. That I can say with absolute confidence. From where, then, had the "kite" over Kharovsk come? And where did it go afterwards, seeing that nobody ever saw it later or found it? Well, I think that, too, is another little mystery that still remains unsolved.*

* NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

Oh no, it isn't! All these UFO sightings and landings and close encounters in Russia *are due to Russian rockets fired from the Space Launching Centre at Plesetsk.* And Mr James Oberg of Texas, who, next to J. Randles, is the world's greatest expert on the non-existence of UFOs, *will prove it to you.* (And if he doesn't, Mr Philip Klass *will.*)

VI – EXTRACTS FROM YAROSLAVL' UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP'S BULLETINS NOs. 8/1989, 10/1989, AND FROM LETTERS ©

(Translation from Russian. – G.C.)

MORE LANDINGS AND CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN RUSSIA

UFO landing and encounter at Kiev (Ukraine)

ON July 4, 1989, a Kiev lady, VERA PROKOF'YEVNA — (surname withheld) with her friend ALEKSANDRA STEPANOVNA and the latter's six-year-old daughter, went to the Kiev Park. And she told the Editorial Office of the newspaper *Pravda Ukrainy* what she had seen there. Here is her story:–

"It was just starting to get dark. We had gone as far as the Dnepr Channel, and there we saw a boat, with three people in it. They had silver-coloured collarless clothing, embroidered like pyjamas. Extremely pale, and all their faces absolutely alike, just as with twins. Long wavy hair of a light golden-brown shade. Big, shining eyes.

"We asked them: 'Are you tourists? Where are you from?'

"They replied in Russian, with a strange sort of accent:

'We have flown here from another planet. Where our planet is, is incomprehensible for your minds. When you become like us, you will know. We take away with us one human being from the Earth every day. And we will take you too. Here is our craft, nearby. We'll show it to you.'

"One of them went ahead, and the other two, one on each side of us, as though escorting us. *We wanted to cry out, and run away, but we were literally drawn as though by a magnet, and had no power. When they looked at us, we simply felt as it were pins-and-needles throughout our entire bodies.*

"Through the trees we glimpsed a white structure — also of a silvery colour, like their clothing. Like a huge 'barrel', with a circular antenna on its top.

"We had started begging them not to take us, as we have families and children . . .

"They replied: 'All right. We won't take you. We'll find some others'.

"They entered the 'barrel', the 3-step little ladder was raised, the door closed, like on a lift, and, soundlessly and without raising any wind, the craft took off rapidly and was quickly just the size of a tiny star."

Other sightings in and around Kiev

It is interesting to note that, on that very same day, the Iskuskov family were at the *dacha* (country cottage) of their friends the Podgorits family, outside Kiev. At 2240 hrs. that evening they saw a large, round, flying apparatus. *"And after that, we saw people in silvery suits coming out of it."*

On June 30 between 9.00 and 10.00 p.m., a war veteran and labour veteran G.I. Lerman, and his wife Anna Nikolaevna, saw a fiery oval-shaped body at a height of between 1/2 km. and 1 km. above Lake Raduga, which lies within the precincts of Kiev City. Flame shot out of it, and then they saw a *"silvery balloon".* And they said: *"Our movements were somehow slowed-down, though our consciousness remained clear."*

On June 24, 1989, from her balcony, a Kiev lady

named A.N. Ol'khovskaya saw a quadrangular twinkling object stationary in the night sky over the Obolon' mountain massif.

Her neighbour, a member of the staff of the newspaper *Komsomol'skoe Znamya* named Mr. Ivanitskiy, corroborated her sighting, and took two hurried photographs, but nothing came out on the film.

On July 26, with the assistance of A. Pugach, the *Kiev Group for the Study of Anomalous Phenomena* began work at the site of the Kiev landing (case of Mrs. Prokof'yevna and friend).

Independently working there, were also two dowsers using loop-antennae, who correctly pinpointed the scene of the happenings. They found an elliptically-shaped *"biospot"*, 4 m. × 7 m. in extent, in the centre of which they detected a negative square-shaped *"bio-point"*. A TV team were also present at the investigations.

UFO landing at Yaratovo

At the beginning of June 1989 in the vicinity of the village of Yaratovo, in the Sibay Region of the Bashkirian* Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic, two local inhabitants, Abdulato Khasanov and his friend Azato Isyandavletov, saw a UFO land right in front of them. The saucer was about 18 m. wide. Traces were left at the site, in the form of crushed grass. And, over a radius of some 5 to 6 m., a bluish liquid substance. On the UFO they saw *"portholes"*. The saucer also left some straight lines on the ground.

This happened at 2.00 a.m., during the night.

The object was hovering at a height of 1 m. above the ground. The entire craft was sparkling with flashing lights.

Humanoid in the Maritime District (Primorye), Far Eastern Siberia

On June 26, 1989, at about noon, the town of Lesozavodsk was seized by veritable panic. A strange being, similar to the humanoids seen at Kharovsk in Vologda Province, was strolling along the streets. Here is the written account given by a lady named E.V. Boldyreva, of 11-b, Shamakovskaya Street, Lesozavodsk:–

"My daughter Oksana Boldyreva read in the *Pionerskaya Pravda* of July 15, 1989, a note headed "WERE THEY ALIEN SPACE VISITORS?"

"She and her friend Miss O. Khomich, have been face to face with one of "these beings"! This is how it happened. They had just visited the Circus and, coming out, they both saw this strange man. He was walking along the middle of the road — or, more precisely — he was *floating, brushing the ground lightly with his feet. Simultaneously he was emitting a strange sound (a squeaking and cheeping).*

It literally paralyzed the girls. They were unable to move from the spot. Meanwhile, he was coming ever nearer, slowly raising an arm. The girls were terribly frightened lest he was going to strike them, but he slowly passed his hand over his greyish-silvery hair and then lowered it equally slowly, and walked on, leaving behind him tracks of a silvery colour, which slowly faded.

When the entity had got close to them, a sort of luminescence began to emanate from him. It became hot and bright, as though from the Sun. Oksana's head began to ache. The girls came to their senses again only after the visitor had passed them, and had disappeared.

The girls ran to the nearby bus stop. All the people on the bus were amazed at the incomprehensible occurrence. They came out of the bus and instantly saw the strange being, who, totally unconcerned, was still striding away up the road, turning his head now to the left, now to the right.

Suddenly a car appeared on the right. Sitting at the steering-wheel was a middle-aged man. When he caught sight of the strange being, he slowed down. But then something quite unforeseen happened. The *'robot'* took several steps to the left, and the car went straight past him. The driver, terrified, closed his eyes and flattened himself against the wheel. The car went on for another 15 metres, and then stopped.

The car — and its driver — turned to a greyish-silvery colour; particularly noticeable was the driver's hair. The feet of the *'robot'* vanished, and now all that could be seen were the clothes and the body. Then slowly the feet began to appear again, and after them the rest of him. The weird creature strode on towards the bridge, and soon had vanished for good. The marks left by him remained on the road for a few seconds, and then vanished too.

All of this was observed by the girls, who were watching from their hiding-place at the bus stop."

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*NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR
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VII – EIGHT YEARS THAT WERE ANYTHING BUT EASY: A REPORT ON THE YAROSLAVL' UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP ©

By Yu. Smirnov, Publisher, V. Musinskiy, Editor — FSR Consultants
(Translation from Russian — G.C.)

YAROSLAVL' is an ancient and pretty town in the centre of Russia, situated on the spacious banks of the river Volga. Here, almost eight years ago, a number of individual UFO researchers came together to form a Group. In October 1981 the Group registered themselves with the Yaroslavl' branch of the Soviet All-Union Astronomical — Geodesic Society (known in Russia by its initials as VAGO), and they continued to belong to it until March 1982.

Hostility from bureaucrats and academics

And here we are obliged to make a slight digression. We have here in the USSR the term *"anomalous phenomena"* (or, abbreviated, AP).

"AP" embraces all such phenomena as are not identified as being already known phenomena, and have no explanation within the framework of existing scientific notions. *Generally regarded as pertaining to*

the realm of AP are such things as UFOs, poltergeists, psychokinesis, etc.

For a very long time the attitude among the official scientific circles and among the bureaucracy of our country towards such phenomena was a negative one. The merest mention of AP elicited from their direction an instant reaction of derision and dubbing with derogatory labels. Obviously, of course, the bulk of AP phenomena "refused" to fit into their preconceived world-picture. Most frequently, such phenomena were consigned by them to the category of the non-existent, the imaginary, or to the category of hallucinations.

Many scientists simply considered — and still consider — that it would be beneath their dignity *"to study something that doesn't exist in Nature"*. In holding such a viewpoint they continue to disregard the most obvious facts and the most clear evidence.

We know that something similar has also been going on, and is still going on, in other countries. But, in our country, in which a totalitarian type of government has been in control for such a long time, the attitude towards these matters has taken on a most ugly character.

As far as our Soviet enthusiasts for AP and UFOs are concerned, the majority of them were viewed as *"followers of religious and mystical beliefs"*. Ufology was declared to be *"pseudoscience"*, and in our circumstances here in the USSR that signifies an attempt to threaten us under the banner of Militant Atheism.

What actually took place was that a small number of people, invested with power and with access to the means of information, "cornered all the means of production of *truth*". Anybody who thought differently was hounded and persecuted. And we Yaroslavl' people were no exception . . .

The Yaroslavl' branch of the VAGO ruled that "saucers" did not fall within the spheres of activity of either *astronomers* or *geodesists*. Our Group, naturally, being unable to claim any sort of special exemption, was clearly at loggerheads with established opinion. For we approached the UFO Problem from the standpoint of believing that Cosmic Forces from other Planets were manifesting themselves on Earth, whereas the official viewpoint explained the UFO Phenomenon as due to optical anomalies connected with the state of the Planet's atmosphere.

Clashing head-on with the hostile and sceptical leadership of VAGO, our Group was unable to come to any sort of agreement with the representatives of the local academic astronomers, and in March 1982, by decision of the leadership of VAGO, the title of our Group was changed to "GROUP FOR THE STUDY OF ATMOSPHERIC OPTICS". The former leaders of our Group — previously approved by VAGO — were now removed, and our members were forbidden even to use the very term "UFO"!

Move to University

This decision by the VAGO naturally met with the pronounced disapprobation of our Group. Next, most of our members quitted the VAGO, and set up a new Group to study UFOs, but this time within the precincts of the Yaroslavl' State University.

But even there again the Group was unable to continue for long, as the learned gentlemen controlling the University *"wanted to be bigger Catholics than the Pope of Rome himself"*, and things came to the point where they were able to call down upon us the ire of the organs of the Communist Party.

Move away from University

In December 1983 our Group moved from the University, and started operating in the apartment of Vladimir Musinskiy, one of the authors of this Report, and himself a former journalist; and we can honestly say that since that move our quarters have never been empty, and here, in the modest conditions of a private apartment, our Group has found far greater possibilities for fruitful operation than it ever did anywhere in the lecture halls of the University!

UFO landings investigated

And between 1981 and 1984 the work of the Group increased vastly. We investigated a UFO landing in the village of Borok, in the Nekouz region of Yaroslavl' Province. Furthermore, we drew up a provisional check-list of rare atmospheric phenomena to be used when making initial assessments of accounts received from eyewitnesses.

Early in 1984 we had about 300 articles on Ufology published in various newspapers throughout the USSR, and as a result of that we got about 800 fresh letters from eyewitnesses.

Using our check-list, it was clear that only about 20 per cent of all the reports reaching us related to UFOs, the remaining 80 per cent being obviously otherwise attributable. The percentage of actual hoaxes and falsifications was, however, negligible — amounting to only two or three cases.

In the further course of our Group's activities, we established contact with investigators in other study groups in Moscow, Leningrad, Gor'kiy, Tula, Novosibirsk, Essentuki, Simferopol', and a number of other towns.

In 1984, another UFO landing occurred, near the village of Schedrino, in Yaroslavl' Province. The landing left completely firm material traces and an "anomalous" area of soil which for several days thereafter produced an effect on the normal working of electronic wristwatches, whereas ordinary mechanical watches worked quite normally there. Our Group studied this case very thoroughly, and we produced a voluminous Report on it, including photographic records of the material traces left by the UFO.

Trip to Central Asia

In August of this year (1989) some of our members took part in an expedition, launched by groups from several towns, to the Pamir Mountains and Gissar Range area in Central Asia, with the aim of trying to discover what really is the relationship between UFOs and the *"Abominable Snowman"*. They got no positive sightings of Yetis, but the expedition was not in vain. Their final Report contained a description of a case of hypothetical *"paraphysical resonance"* which had been experienced by the members of the expedition under extreme circumstances.

In 1985 and 1986 the members of our Group attempted various experimental tests to locate UFOs by means of a wolfram indicator linked to a computer. The results of these tests were promising. The Group sent some interesting reports on the matter to the *Committee on Anomalous Phenomena* in the town of Gor'kiy.

Here a second digression is necessary.

Squabbling among UFO groups

In our country, the UFO investigation movement has so far possessed no single controlling and directing centre. Individual groups of enthusiasts "stew in their own juices", as we say. And — worse than that — individual researchers — and even whole individual groups — quarrel with each other. Our Group determined at the outset that we would have no part in squabbles, and that we would maintain close fraternal links with all who are prepared to do likewise. As a result, our small but nevertheless very active provincial group has succeeded in becoming one of the main centres of the Ufological study movement in our country, not to mention the degree to which we have become well known.

The need for a journal

And yet we still possessed no main *printed organ!*

In the circumstances in which we find ourselves, there is no question of publishing a magazine or journal on ufological matters, *as the Soviet Government sets harsh limits even upon the use of the photocopying duplicating technology so widely employed in the West. Even the members of the academic world are not exempt from the obligation of applying to the Ministry of the Interior for permission to have their own articles duplicated!*

Nevertheless, in January 1987 our Yaroslavl' Group started putting out periodically our own independent *Bulletin on AP* for the use of other UFO investigation groups and various individual researchers.

Needless to say, the Bulletin is typewritten.

And — all the same — our *Bulletin* was a bombshell in the field of Soviet Ufology! Some of them are still slavering their poison at us, and even forbidding their members to subscribe to the *Bulletin! (And the effect has been the very opposite!) And well-wishers have warned us of punishment from the K.G.B. But that organization, with which they still scare the kids in the West, is now leaving us quiet little UFO cranks in peace.*

Our *Bulletin* has been unable to unite all the Ufologists in this country, but it is being distributed in almost all the cities and towns where there are Ufologists, and it comes out ten times per year. There will in future very likely be other issues put out which will be more effective and will contain more than the five typewritten pages we have had so far, but for the time being that idea is for the future.

And our *Bulletin* is still the first — and still *the only one* — in the entire country!

The "Tula Object" and "Bashk Object"

In 1988-89, working with specialists in other cities, our Group tried to investigate a mysterious object found in the mid-1980s on the bank of a small river near Tula. This *"Tula Object"* turned out to be practically identical (insofar as its chemical properties were concerned) with the make-up of the thing found in 1976 at Bashk, in the Komi Associate Soviet Socialist Republic, near the village of Ertom. Basically, it consists of *rare Earth elements,* such as CERIUM, LANTHANUM, PRAESYDINIUM, NEODYNIUM, SAMARIUM, and others.

There is a theory that the Tula and Bashk objects are fragments of a body manufactured by a higher civilization in Space, since, up to now, nothing analogous, either natural or artificial, has ever been discovered.

From 1985 to 1989, our Group studied the documentary material on *Poltergeists,* and participated in investigations into such phenomena, but unfortunately the results of the work are still not yet definite.

Sudden ban

And here we must make a third and last digression:–

The newspaper *TRUD,* in January 1985, carried an article entitled "PRECISELY AT 4.10 . . .", in which it was reported that the pilots and passengers of an aircraft had observed some sort of bluish cloud of the size of Lake Ladoga; their watches had stopped; etc., etc. Later, rumours crept in, to the effect that the pilots had become ill afterwards . . .

[For our full report and translation of this very interesting case, see FSR 30/5, published in June 1985. — G.C.]

Something, either in the original press report, or in the rumours, seems to have given displeasure to the Authorities, and an actual ban was announced on the publication of all material about UFOs!

As for our Group — there we were — just sitting in our room, as though smothered in cottonwool! We were sending out our material everywhere, and yet not a single line of it was appearing in the newspapers. And of course for us, in our particular circumstances, the publication of articles in newspapers is almost our only means for securing in return further reports from the public.

Ban lifted

And then — literally only a few days later — we received a letter from the Head Office of the DIRECTORATE FOR THE DEFENCE OF STATE SECRETS AND THE PRESS (i.e. from THE CENSORS), SIGNED BY A.V. NAZAROV, DEPUTY-HEAD OF THE GLAVLIT SECTION, "REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF ARTICLES ON THE UFO PROBLEM", in which he informed us that

> *"At present the limitations on the publication of reports about the said Problem which formerly existed in our country, are abrogated".*

— A staggering communication indeed, which is worthy of mention inasmuch as it indicated the start of a new era. The glaciers of Stalinism and of the old, stagnant times are beginning to thaw, even if only slowly . . .

Improving prospects

Naturally we availed ourselves of these favourable new conditions, and during this year (1989) we have resumed our process of gathering eyewitnesses' reports of UFOs by first getting articles published in the newspapers, and, for the very first time, among the children's journals too. And, as a result, we suddenly have several hundred new letters!

Our UFO Study Group now possesses over 3,000 eyewitness reports, and we have published a total of 500 articles in the newspapers and journals of the country.

Generally speaking, we think 1989 is, and will continue to be, a breakthrough in our work and in the work of other groups throughout the USSR. *Even the existence of this present Report is itself evidence of the improved situation! Because previously its appearance, even if that were possible, would only have been under a pseudonym!*

International contacts begin

And we have now started making international contacts. Our "first swallow" was in Poland. The next was I.C.U.F.O.N. in the USA.

The reformation *(perestroika)* of Soviet society, under the leadership of the Secretary-General of the

Communist Party of the USSR, M.S. Gorbachev, has opened up broad new horizons in the study of the UFO Question, not only for Soviet investigators but also for Ufologists of the entire world. In due course there will come a liberation of brains in our country — and we have plenty of them!

In the next few years our Group intends to launch a big programme of further research. We plan to create a Video-TV Centre where we can rapidly handle video material on the UFO Question, and we must also set up a network of telephone links with other Soviet cities.

We plan to establish catalogues of sightings and of technical data.

We must not count on any help from Government organs — thank you very much — but please just leave us alone

And — above all — we shall have to accumulate the necessary funding for our operations.

Y.S.
V.M.
Yaroslavl', May 28, 1989.

COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

How curious, and how astonishing! The Soviet newspapers actually *collaborate* with the local Ufologists, and print articles for them! In the rest of the entire world, with very, very few exceptions, the personnel of all the media — press, TV and radio — are seen to be a bunch of blatant, flaming liars. Over a period of 35 years we at FSR have had abundant time and opportunity to study their handiwork. We know of not one single member of our British "Mendacious Brigade" who would collaborate in any way in the presentation of a fair and honest report of "our subject".

VIII – A LETTER TO THE YAROSLAVL' UFO STUDY GROUP FROM TWO COUNTRY GIRLS IN THE UDMURT A.S.S.R. (UDMURT AUTONOMOUS SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC) ©

(Translation from Russian — G.C.)

427544, Udmurtskaya ASSR,*
Balezinskiy Rayon,
ANDREYEVTSY,
Ulitsa Novaya.

From two Russian girls
MARINA and IRINA
August 1989

GREETINGS to you, Yaroslavl' Group on Anomalous Phenomena!

— We are two country girls. We had read about UFOs in the newspapers, but never imagined that it would happen to us! And we will never forget it!

This August — as usual — we girls were sleeping out in the hayloft, as we generally do in summer. One night, just as we were dropping off to sleep, we heard the sound of an engine, at first roaring terribly loud, and then growing soft and low.

We got up and looked out, and when we had got the barn door open, we beheld a round ball up on the roof of the barn, which, we should explain, is *flat*.

The ball was about three metres high, and standing beside it were two Lilliputians, half the size of us humans, in goldy-shining suits, both completely bald-headed, with bluish-coloured faces and only three fingers on each hand.

They started saying something rapidly to us, and pointing at the ball, but we didn't understand anything at all, beyond the fact that they were asking us to go with them.

We were terrified and just stood there, petrified. We thought somebody must be playing some sort of trick on us.

But then they extended their arms and noses towards us, and we felt as though we were being drawn towards them by a magnet. And then suddenly our dog Kuzya started barking, and they looked at him in astonishment.

And then, suddenly, they had vanished.

Terrified, we ran home. But, alas, nobody there would believe us. They all decided that it was just an ordinary little joke.

And both of us are still feeling the shock, and at times it seems as though it was a dream!

*A tiny ethnic republic, probably Tartars, allegedly "automonous", whose capital lies at Lat. 57°30 N., Long. 52°30 E., also buried away in the vastness of the southern part of the enormous RSFSR (Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic). G.C.

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IX – EXTRACT FROM BULLETIN NO. 8/1989, ISSUED BY THE YAROSLAVL' UFO STUDY GROUP ©

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Short Reports and News

In a session on 5 July, 1989, the Presidium of the Committee on Problems of Exchange of Energy Information established a Ufological Commission. Approved as President of the Commission: Assistant Professor V.G. AZHAZHA. Vice-President of the Commission: Airman-Cosmonaut P.R. POPOVICH, Twice Hero of the USSR.

The main task of the Ufological Commission will be to invite a wide circle of scholars, engineers, and social organizations, and also the creative potentialities of individual groups and persons, to take part in the development of Ufology in the USSR and the co-ordination of their scientific and social activities with a view to securing substantial results. The Commission envisages a system of "passportization" of correspondents; the development of an efficient system for the sucuring, treatment, storage, and distribution of primary information on behalf of the investigators; the elaboration of a system of channels for mutual exchange of secondary information: — regions, centre-regions; the expansion of scientific and informative links with foreign ufological organizations; the preparation and holding, in 1990/1991, of a Soviet All-Union Conference on the Development of Ufology.

Furthermore, the Ufological Commission includes within the sphere of its activities the development of search/investigation, pedagogic-consultative and propagandist work in the Ufological field at the Centre, and in other places, aiming to achieve all this on an initial self-paying economic basis.

X – FROM ANOTHER REPORT FROM THE YAROSLAVL' UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP, AND FROM THEIR BULLETIN NO. 10/1989 ©

(Translation from Russian. — G.C.)

A Hunter's Experience

On October 15, 1989, a keen hunter, N.P. Slyozkin, set out to do a bit of hunting near the village of Shepelovo, in the Yaroslavl' region.

He found no game, but had an extraordinary experience with a UFO.

It was 6.00 p.m., cold, and overcast, and a steady drizzle of rain was falling. Suddenly, however, all around him was bright as day, and he thought to himself at first: "Ah — the Moon is up. That will make the going easier."

But then, peering around, he became aware of something at the centre of the radiance — a big yellow ball, much larger than the apparent size of a full Moon.

The ball was of the colour of the purest gold — like the gold on the cupolas of Russian churches, and divided into two halves by a grey band running right across the centre.

The thing was now about 500 m. distant from him, he estimated, and equal in size to a five-storeyed house.

The ball went on approaching, and was now hanging right above his head. The grey band now moved down from the middle, and seemed to form a sort of dish beneath it.

The hunter was now overcome by panic. Nikolai Pavlovich Slyozkin who never before in his whole life had given a thought to ESP, now focused mentally on the UFO and said:–

"I am a simple hunter. Let each of us go his way."

Gazing now at the centre of the golden ball, he felt what he described as "an elastic wave". His sight grew dim, but simultaneously, inside his own head, he saw "sparkling arrows of light" which seemed to be spinning between his spine and his forehead. This went on for 20-30 minutes. Then things got better inside his head, and his sight returned. He looked towards the yellow ball, and saw that it was rapidly rising, and a few seconds later it was lost amid the dark clouds, and all that remained now was the darkness and the steady rustle of the rain.

And then — out of sheer terror, his hair stood on end to such a degree that, he says, his hat was lifted up! and he carefully noted that, since the appearance of the "ball", he had gone about 50-70 metres at his leisurely pace. That meant that about 1½minutes had elapsed. And his watch now was slow by this amount, although hitherto it had always been fast, and he had checked it before setting out.

(Our Russian hunters are, of course, "no slouches" when it comes to *drinking*. But Nikolai Pavlovich was dead-sober that day.)

As for the "ball-lightning argument", he had seen ball-lightning often enough when out hunting. He knew very well the difference between "ball-lightning" and "something else". As an electro-welder, too, he was familiar with what sort of light is given off by this or that source. Not long before his experience with the UFO, he had had a medical check-up, and everything had been found to be normal. (But how is his health going to be in future — that is still a question.) When he got home, with his story about his

"encounter" with the ball, he noticed two wounds on one of his arms. One, a long wound, resembling a cut, healed quickly. The other, like a sore of the size of a kopek coin, still had not shown any signs of healing ten days later. It was true, however, that his sight had improved markedly. However, we advised him to have another medical check-up.

A strange coincidence was that, on the day in question, his wife and his son had had *clear premonitions of something bad,* and had tried to dissuade him from going out hunting. And, at the very moment when he was experiencing his encounter, his wife had had the sensation as though boiling water were being poured on her.

Slyozkin was subsequently put into a state of deep hypnosis, and gave additional details of his experiences, which were tape-recorded.

XI – LATEST SOVIET REPORTS: DRAMATIC INCREASE IN SIGHTINGS ©

ACCORDING to a short report in the London newspaper *Sun* of July 27, 1990, the number of UFO sightings has increased dramatically across the whole of Russia since the claimed landing at Voronezh in the autumn of 1989 (reported at great length in FSR 34/4 and 35/1).

The *Sun* story went on to say that there were now new reports of aliens landing in Russia every week — *"and speaking perfect Russian".* And, said this British paper, *"the official Soviet youth organ, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, says aliens are now kidnapping local people in southern Russia".*

On January 3, 1990, *Le Parisien* (published in Paris) carried a somewhat similar report headed: "E.T. EXISTE... ET IL PARLE RUSSE!" (E.T. EXISTS... AND HE SPEAKS RUSSIAN!). It went on to report that a Soviet UFO investigator, Valeriy Viktorovich Svuzhilny, Director of the Far Eastern (Siberian) Branch of the "COMMITTEE FOR STUDY OF ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA", had published an account of a red globe, about one or two metres wide, which, at 8 p.m. on January 29, 1986, had fallen at Dalnegorsk, a place near Vladivostok, on the Pacific Coast.

The following much more detailed account of this case has reached FSR through a Polish source:-

The Dalnegorsk Case

At 8.00 p.m. on January 29, 1986, inhabitants of Dalnegorsk saw a red spherical object come travelling very slowly and silently from the N.W., in horizontal flight. It seemed to be about one or two metres wide. Above Hill 611 it performed an abrupt turn, and then was seen to strike the rocky hill. The observers saw a powerful ray or beam emitted from it, bright as a flash given off in arc-welding.

Members of the local UFO Study Group rushed to the hill, and found signs of the event, their instruments registering great heat and magnetism. Plants around had been destroyed. They also found "small balls of lead and steel", and also networks of carbonaceous matter. These fragments were duly sent to Omsk, for study there by the Siberian Branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences. THE ACADEMY'S FINDINGS WERE THAT THE METAL FRAGMENTS CONTAINED PRETTY WELL THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF THE MENDELEYVIAN PERIODIC TABLE!

Using X-rays in their analysis, the Tomsk scientists found that, when the 'net' was melted down in a vacuum, the gold, silver, and nickel vanished rapidly, but that alpha titanium and molybdenum continued to show up. In other 'nets' they discovered the presence of sulphate of beryllium (SO_4Be). The 'net' dissolved in the air, leaving no residue, when heated to 900 °C. In a vacuum the material did not melt down, even when the temperature was raised to 2,800 °C. In normal conditions the material was resistant to electrical current, but not after being heated.

In one of the specimens, coiled up fragments of a very, very fine and delicate fibre were observed, as well as golden threads. And the Tomsk experts stated firmly:-

> *"It is impossible for us — in the present-day state of our technology — to manufacture this sort of thing."*

And Dr Vysoky, a specialist in Chemistry, declared:-

> *"Without any doubt this is the product of a very high technology, and such things as these are not natural, and are not of terrestrial origin."*

But that was not the end of the phenomenon. For, after the episode, the investigators' blood was discovered to show levels in white corpuscles and in thrombocytes lower than they should have had in normal conditions. And — furthermore — when they took a photograph of the site of the incident, it came out superimposed.*

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*(NOTE BY EDITOR: I confess that I do not understand the meaning of this word "superimposed". Does it mean that the photograph showed the UFO as still being present on the spot? I do not see any other possible meaning but this. G.C.

A Run-Away Russian Train

According to several reports received, railway engineer Sergei Orlov and another man were driving an empty goods-train westwards from Petrozavodsk (Northern Russia, 61 ° 50 N. Lat., 34 ° 40 E. Long.) one night in February 1985.

At first they paid little heed to a "luminous sphere" which approached the train on a diagonal course. Then suddenly, when the thing was above them, the train began to accelerate furiously. And continued to do so. In vain engineer Orlov tried to apply his brake. So he radioed to the next station, to inform the officials there of his plight. They refused to believe him, but prudently they left the signals open for him. *The glowing "sphere", with an "aura" around it, continued in place above the racing train for more than one hour,* and was watched by the entire staff at the next station as the train rushed through.

At last the glowing sphere vanished from the scene, and Orlov was able to stop his train.

No material evidence of the episode remained, except for the consumption of 300 litres of fuel.

The Petrozavodsk UFO Study Group investigated the case and questioned the witnesses.

XII – A STRANGE ENCOUNTER IN SIBERIA ©

(Translation from Russian. G.C.)

IN a letter to FSR received in February 1990, the Editor of the *Bulletin* of the Yaroslavl' UFO Investigation Group gives us this remarkable story, which recently appeared in the Russian industrial journal *Lesnaya Promyshlennost'* (*Timber Journal*):–

"A man (surname withheld — described in the article simply as "GENNADIY"), has now revealed for the first time, after more than 20 years, that in June 1966 he had an extraordinary UFO contact while fishing in the Kolyvanskiy Lakes near Novosibirsk in Siberia (Lat. 55°00 N, Long. 82°50 E.).

The first thing he noticed was a very strange silence around him — no sound whatever of birds or insects — (and of course the short, very hot summers of Siberia are full of such sounds normally). He noted just one extraordinary exception — a little field-mouse came and crept under his knees, as though trying to hide from something. Then, beside him, he became aware of a light, and, looking about, he saw a machine, no more than ten metres or so from him, and hovering at a height of only 2-3 m. above the ground. In shape, the thing looked "like a flattened droplet", and was about the length of two small cars, say 6-8 m. at the most, and about 2 m. high. It was of a shining, silvery-coloured material, emitting a faint, dull luminescence.

As soon as he glimpsed it, a part of the machine "moved back" — as he described it — quite silently, and he now saw three seats, and a dark control-panel divided into squares. And, standing in the opening, were three men, just like us. Everything about them seemed just as it is with us. All three were of fine physique, and smart appearance. Their faces tranquil, benevolent-looking, with an air of superiority, of quality. Their hair short and fair. Their noses straight, and their clothing "of sports type".

The one standing in front seemed to be slightly the shorter of the three, and, as Gennadiy felt, the older, the other two being young.

Alarmed, Gennadiy began to stir, and he heard a voice say: *"You won't get away from us so easily . . . Don't be afraid of us . . ."*

Gennadiy replied: "But I'm not afraid. I just want to convince myself that I am not asleep . . ."

He heard them talking together, *and it seemed to him that it was a mixture of sound and of telepathy.* And, all the time, *he had the sensation they they were looking at him through his cranium.* And the man standing in front said: *"We'll give you sufficient ground for convincing yourself that it is no hallucination".*

Then they requested him to put questions to them. And they talked about the prolongation of life. But it was evident to Gennadiy that they were avoiding giving direct answers, though they even argued.

But the essence of their replies to him was as follows:–

If mankind has the very strong desire to do so, it will be possible to alter the biological programme for the life-span.

To his question as to whether mankind would perish, they replied:–

"That is our job. It should not worry you. We won't allow it to happen."

To his question: *"Where can we find you? Who are you?"*, they replied:–

"We are knowers . . . we are investigating the world . . ." And one of the younger ones added: *"By day we are with you everywhere, and everywhere with you always, and it is not necessary to seek us . . ."*

Gennadiy said: *"Why is it unnecessary? Don't you understand how important it is for humanity?"*

They replied: *"We understand . . . Otherwise we wouldn't have contacted you . . . All knowers are always in contact . . ."*

Gennadiy thought to himself: *"You are avoiding my questions."* And the sudden reply came: *"Yes — but what sort of questions!"* . . .

When Gennadiy asked about the future, one of them answered:–

"You are tired. You need to rest . . ."

Gennadiy closed his eyes for a moment, and then opened them again. *And the craft was gone!* They had controlled his mind, and diverted his attention.

The whole contact had lasted about half-an-hour.

For over twenty years Gennadiy has told nobody about what happened, out of fear of being taken for a madman.

The incident did not change his life, but Gennadiy has always had a sort of unconscious feeling that, one day or other, his secret will prove to be useful.

Today, over twenty years later, Gennadiy is still absolutely convinced that what he clearly saw were representatives of a different kind of intelligence.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR. Readers will recall *at least two cases* — both I think, from the tropical forests of South America — in which, while the 'UFO incident' was taking place, this same sort of total silence and absence of bird and insect noises was noticed. One eyewitness said that it *"seemed as though a cone of silence had descended".* Presumably what is really happening in such cases is not that the birds and insects no longer sing or chirp or squeak, but that *the attention of the eyewitness is manipulated, so that he does not hear them.*

XIII – SOVIET AIR DEFENCES BAFFLED BY HUGE UFOs

On May 11, 1990, the Fund For UFO Research announced that they had received the following Soviet press item from a confidential source in the U.S. Government:

GENERAL of Aviation Igor Maltsev, chief of the main staff of Air Defense Forces, as reported in *Rabochaya Tribuna, 19 April 1990:*

"I am not a specialist on UFOs and therefore I can only correlate the data and express my own supposition. According to the evidence of these eyewitnesses, the UFO is a disk with a diameter from 100 to 200 meters. Two pulsating lights were positioned on its sides. When the object flew in a horizontal plane, the line of the lights was parallel to the horizon. During

vertical movement it rotated and was perpendicular to the ground. Moreover, the object rotated around its axis and performed an "S-turn" flight both in the horizontal and vertical planes. Next, the UFO hovered above the ground and then flew with a speed exceeding that of the modern jet fighter by 2 or 3 times. All of the observers noticed that the flight speed was directly related to the flashing of the side lights: the more often they flashed, the higher the speed.

"The objects flew at altitudes ranging from 1000 to 7000 meters. The movement of the UFOs was not accompanied by sound of any kind and was distinguished by their startling maneuverability. It seemed that the UFOs were completely devoid of inertia. In other words, they had somehow 'come to terms' with gravity. At the present time, terrestrial machines could hardly have any such capabilities. The object was observed as a 'pip' from a radar target on the screens of aircraft radar sights and on the screens of several electronic surveillance sub-units. One station did not establish an observation."

Rabochaya Tribuna pointed out that General Maltsev's testimony was important confirmation for claims that UFOs are piloted craft and contradicted suggestions that UFOs are atmospheric phenomena. The newspaper also reproduced some of the supporting evidence provided by General Maltsev concerning an incident on March 21, 1990, when radar detected an object flying near Pereslavl'-Zaleskiy (75 miles NE of Moscow). An aviator reported:

"I, Lt.-Colonel A. A. Semenchenko, received the command to go on an alert exercise. At 2138 hours, I received the command for take-off. In the air, in the region of Pereslavl', I received my task of detecting and identifying a target at an altitude of 2000 meters. I visually detected the target, designated by two flashing white lights, at 2205 hours. I was following a true course of 220 degrees and it was ahead and to the right, at an angle of 10 degrees. The target altered its altitude by amounts ranging up to 1000 meters and changed its direction of flight. With the permission of the command post, I locked my sights onto the radiation after checking to be sure the weaponry was switched off.

"The target did not respond to the 'identify, friend or foe' request. In addition to the target, three or four regularly scheduled airliners could be observed on the screen. As ordered by the command post, I carried out a banked turn. While completing the turn, I observed a luminous phenomenon, reminiscent of the aurora borealis but with a weak intensity, to the north and north-west. I approached the target to within about 500 to 600 meters. I passed above the target, trying to define its character. I observed only two bright flashing white lights. I briefly saw the silhouette of the target against the background of the illuminated city. It was difficult to determine its nature and classification due to the limited lighting.

"At the order of the command post, I ended my mission and returned to the airfield. I landed with 700 litres of fuel still remaining: The weather in the region was 0-10. 21 March 1990."

A radar observation post in the Pereslavl'-Zalesskiy region: "A shining object with red lights at an azimuth of 26-270 degrees and a range of about 40 kilometers, moving at a speed many times greater than that of aircraft, appeared at 2119 hours. A shining object with white lights and the same parameters was following it. At 2135 hours the object with the luminous red lights disappeared while at an azimuth of 220 degrees and at an undetermined range. At 2140 hours there were alternate appearances and disappearances of a second object with white lights at azimuth 270-250 degrees and a range of 40-100 kilometers. At 2150 hours there was a steady appearance and hovering of the object at an azimuth of 270 degrees.

"At 2155 hours the object disappeared at an azimuth of 240 and a range of 40 kilometers. At 2157 hours the object appeared in the parameters indicated above. At 2159 hours there was an observation of an airplane at an azimuth of 250 degrees, a range of 30-50 kilometers, and a course of 330 degrees. The object is turning and, at a great speed, is approaching the airplane. After an approach to a distance of about 20 kilometers, the object disappears from the field of observation and appears again to the rear and above the plane. The object is moving in an arc at azimuth 270. At 2201 hours, the object is hovering in place at an azimuth of 190-200 degrees and a range up to 100 kilometers. At 2203 hours a fighter aircraft appeared in the field of observation at an azimuth of 240 degrees. While the fighter was approaching the object, the latter disappeared. At 2205 hours the object appeared at an azimuth of 190-220 degrees, hovered, and, after 1-2 minutes, disappeared."

Captain V. Birin: "The object looked like a flying saucer with two very bright lights along the edges. Its diameter was approximately 100-200 meters (judging by the shining lights). A less intense light, which looked like a port-hole, could be seen between the two bright lights. After the object, the red light with the average intensity remained. The trajectory depended on the flashing of the bright side lights: the more often they flashed, the faster the speed of the UFO and vice-versa. While hovering, the object extinguished its lights almost completely. At 2230 hours the object headed off in the direction of Moscow. I am enclosing a drawing of it." (note: drawing not available)

Captain V. Ivchenko: "I could not make out the contours of the object but I clearly saw two lights flashing with a definite periodicity. The illumination from these lights could be compared with a photoflash. The UFO was carrying out an 'S-turn' flight, gradually approaching our city; its route passed from east to west at an angle of sight of approximately 75 degrees relative to the town. I distinguished two aircraft near the object. I am enclosing the approximate route of the UFO." (note: also not available)

Captain N. Filatov: "To all visual perceptions, the object was rotating in a horizontal plane around its own axis, since the light sources merged and divided in turn. The magnitudes of the sources of radiation, with respect to power, intensity, and luminous flux, were significantly greater than the signal lights of aircraft which were flying around in our region at that time. The periodicity of the luminescence of the lights of the UFO was 2 to 3 seconds. The object was located in the direction of Zagorsk. The trajectory of its movement was 'S-turn', horizontally and vertically."

Captain I. Lapin: "At 2200 hours, the flashing of the object vanished for 5 minutes. Then a sharp light flared up. The whole cloud was illuminated and, after that, the object appeared again. Two aircraft accompanied it. The aircraft had red identification lights. After decreasing its altitude, the object flew away in the direction of Moscow at great speed. It left a red luminescence of average intensity behind in the clouds. I observed the object until 2240 hours. I experienced no sensation whatsoever."

According to *Rabochaya Tribuna,* the editors could only publish in this issue excerpts from a few of *"more than 100 visual observations"* compiled by unit commanders and passed on to General Maltsev.

XIV – REPORT BY V. BAITULIN (YAROSLAVL' UFO STUDY GROUP) IN YAROSLAVL' GROUP'S BULLETIN NO. 10 (1989) ©

(Translation from Russian — G.C.)

1. Tatyana Gur'evskaya, of Kushva, in the Sverdlovsk region, reported to the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group that, in the summer of 1988, she saw an astounding sight that rooted her to the spot. It was a quiet, peaceful evening. "As usual, just before going to bed, I was standing at my window when suddenly, in the dark sky, I saw *four red lights* travelling at a terrific speed, changing places as they went, until suddenly they halted right above the local miners' social club, the *'Palace of Culture'.* Then *a fifth 'little star'* came over the horizon and joined them, and they all lined up in the sky, above the "Palace of Culture".

   "Then the first one began to 'blink', as though flashing in Morse code, and the second one answered it, and the first again answered back. And then the third one began to 'blink', and so on, until finally, *all five were blinking.* Then their 'discussion' ended, and all of them, simultaneously, shot out beams of light, just like searchlights. They shone down towards the ground like that for a while, and then switched off their 'searchlights' and all flew off in the direction from which they had come. The time was 2302 hrs.

   And this happened on two nights!"

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2. Grigory Shatitsa, of Mozhaisk, in the Moscow Region, reported to the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group that when he was in Sakhalin (Far East of Siberia) in 1960, at midnight, he saw a UFO as he was walking along a path through the forest. Flying very low, practically at tree-top height and right beside him, he saw a square thing, "as though in a frame", like an ikon, measuring about one metre in height and coloured pale blue. It seemed to bear some sort of image or effigy on it, but he did not manage to get a good enough view before it had shot past him. (See Sketch No.1.)

   On another occasion, in the autumn, about a year or two years later, he saw another very strange phenomenon over Sakhalin. Against the background of dark cloud, also at about midnight, above hills thickly covered with dense forest, he saw, flying from east to west, an orange-reddish sphere slightly larger than the apparent size of the full Moon. (Sketch No.2.)

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3. In a report dated 2 February, 1989, to the Yaroslavl' UFO Study Group, Ruslan Radikovich of Tobol'sk, Siberia, stated that from 1 June to 18 June, of 1988 he was at a Scout Camp. Suddenly, he said "a lot of the others (from Squad IV; I belonged to Squad III so I had not been with them) came dashing back, all talking of having seen a flying saucer. We kids of Squad III began questioning them, and it turned out that, when up on a hill, they saw this saucer-shaped thing not far off. It was shining very brightly. That is all they knew or had seen, and we couldn't get any more out of them.

   "During the following days, however, things got more scary than that. A boy named Boris saw two green lights right above him. Then, in the dark, he felt something touching his knee. Later, he found he had a small wound on that knee.

   "We boys were in tent no.12, while the girls were in tent no.11. On one occasion the girls all came rushing over to us, yelling, and it turned out that Natasha had seen a black thing and had thrown a pair of shorts at it. And then a red stripe had appeared on her bed and then vanished.

   "After that, things got awful. She told the boys of Squad Four that she had been lying in bed, awake, in her tent, when she saw her friend rising up into the air. The friend was lying on a sheet, supported by six black gloves. Next morning, that girl suffered a heart-attack.

   "Some of the boys of Squad Four actually *found those gloves,* but the gloves weren't black, but white. They tore them up and threw them away. Then the camp-cleaner found the damaged gloves and ticked the boys off for it. We all just laughed . . .

   "Then — just imagine — *pillows started jumping about in the Camp. You would be asleep, at night, and then suddenly the pillows go flying up into the air. And then, next morning, you felt giddy . . .*

   "The last time that we saw the UFO would have been about 23 or 24 June. It landed beyond the fence at the back of the Canteen. We all dashed over to it. Everybody was excited about it, except Squads I and II, who weren't involved.

   "The craft wasn't shaped like a saucer. I would describe it as *like a small roof. In the centre was a cube, with two antennae sticking out of it.*

   "It soon vanished. I just can't grasp it all. Why are the UFOs scaring us so badly that folk have heart-attacks? Why can't we find out what planet they come from? And why they are coming here?"

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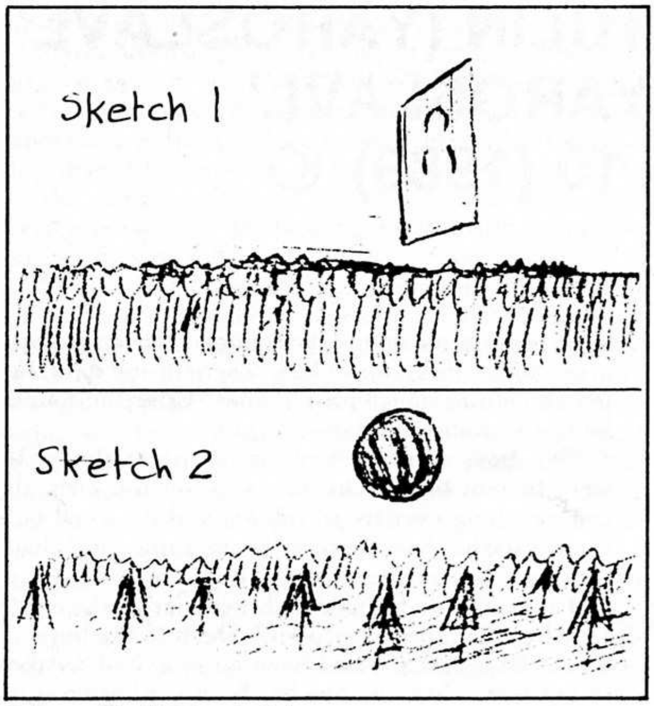
4. At a "round-table discussion on UFOs" on 14 October, 1989, reports were given of the following interesting cases in Russia:–
   (a) A beam of *"solid light"* directed from an object in the sky to the ground. (Perm' Province, 17 March, 1989.)
   (b) A spindle-shaped object, estimated to be 40 m. long and 18 m. wide, was stationary for four minutes on 26 April, 1989, over a sub-station on Stakhanovskaya Street in Perm', and was seen by more than 100 eyewitnesses, of whom 42 gave confirmations that they had seen it.
   (c) The bed of the great Kama reservoir was investigated after a spherical UFO had plunged into it. (Seen by the captain and the entire crew of a ferry-boat. (In the night of 2/3 June.) Marks found on the bed showed that the object had taken off again from the point where it had plunged in.
   (d) A tall humanoid in silvery-grey garb walked through a wall and left on the floor a blurred footprint, about 1 m. long, which remained visible for a while after the humanoid had van-



Grigory Shatitsa's sketches

ished. (At Pioneers' [Scouts'] Camp, Guskachska Spa, in Dzerzhinskiy Region of Perm' Province.)

(e) On the banks of the River Kama, in Perm' Province, rectangular marks were found (12 m. × 4 m.) left by the landing there of a cigar-shaped object with a red light at its nose and a white light at its stern. (16 May 1989.)

(f) The Perm' UFO investigator E.F. Bachurin informed the journalist P. Mukhortov of the newspaper *Sovetskaya Molodezh'* that he had observed 3 beings emerging from an orange-coloured sphere. (Near the village of Subbotino, Perm' Province. 29 September, 1989.)

(g) The sad case of the student from the Perm' Polytechnical Institute who fell into a state of unconsciousness after contact with a UFO. (Taken on 30 September, 1989, into the No.2 Clinical Hospital in Perm'.)

(h) A 58-year-old chauffeur from the Kirovograd Province *vanished for five days* from his native village and suddenly reappeared at the door of his own home. According to his statement, he was captured by Extraterrestrials and he described his journey with them.

(i) A *"cylinder"* was seen stationary over Rostov-on-Don. From it 2 women and 6 men in silvery-coloured tights came out down a cone-shaped beam of light.

Terminating the round-table conference, the distinguished Ufologist Dr. A.P. Listratov gave a number of conclusions about the UFO theme.

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5. The Perm' UFO Study Group announced that in the year 1989, since 1 January, 1989, there had been a total of about 20 cases, in the Perm' Province, of sightings of UFOs or actual contacts of various sorts.

They also announced that they would soon have on sale copies of the Russian translations of Dr Jacques Vallée's two early books PASSPORT TO MAGONIA and THE INVISIBLE COLLEGE.

XV – SOME FURTHER REPORTS FROM YAROSLAVL' ©

(Translation from Russian — G.C.)

"An Invisible UFO"

6. There was no *visible* UFO, but in November 1989 air traffic controllers at Irkutsk Airport (Siberia) saw a 'blob' on their radar-scope as a UFO accompanied two *Yak-40s* and a TU-154 aircraft coming in to land there. It is interesting to note that the pilots of the planes also observed the UFO on their own radarscopes. (The impression was given that the UFO evidently had a very good knowledge of the air-lanes and of the rules governing air-traffic!)

The "Dubious" (?) Story of Pavel Mukhortov

7. According to a report in the *Komsomol'skaya Pravda* (12 October, 1989), this man, (himself a professional journalist) claimed that during the night of 29/30 July, 1989, near the city of Perm', on the banks of the river Silva, he saw a "hat-shaped thing" in the sky which paralyzed him. He had then encountered alien beings which were between 6 and 13 ft. *(sic.?)* high and *glowed in the darkness.* He said he then had a "mental conversation" with them, their answers to his questions appearing to him in the form of messages in illuminated lettering.

They said they came from a "Red Star", in the Constellation of Libra. He asked them to take him thither. They replied: *"You couldn't return here. And taking you would be dangerous for us!"* His question-and-answer session allegedly went as follows:–

M: "From where do you come?"
Aliens: "From the Constellation of LIBRA, planet *Red Star,* — our homeland".
M: "What is your mission?"
Aliens: "It depends on the centre. We are directed by a central system."
M: "Can you take me to your planet?"
Aliens: "There would be no return for you, and it would be dangerous for us."
M: "Why would it be dangerous?"
Aliens: *"Because you would bring thought-bacteria".*

[N.B. THE PERM' UFO INVESTIGATION GROUP SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED A WARNING ABOUT PAVEL MUKHORTOV'S STORY. BUT AT FSR WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATTER. — G.C.]

The report in *Komsomol'skaya Pravda* went on to say that the entire Perm' region had been receiving UFO visitations since 1983. In one case, *"a huge circle,*

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В 1988 г. летом я увидела то, что заставило меня застыть на месте.

Был тихий вечер. Перед сном у меня была привычка - стоять у окна. Вдруг на тёмном небе заметила четыре красных огонька. Они летели со страшной скоростью. Этоя заметила потому, как они быстро перемещались. Затем остановились над Дворцом культуры горняков. И тут из за горизонта вышла ещё одна, запоздавшая звёздочка. Остальные дождались её, выстроились в ряд, как по линеечке. Потом первая начала мигать, как бы выстукивая азбуку Морзе. Ей ответила вторая. Дальше опять первая. Отвечала третья и т.д. Затем "переговоры" закончились. И тут они все разом выпустили пучки света, совсем как у прожектора. Посветили, выключились и полетели в ту стороны, откуда прибыли. Я легла спать. Было 23.02. Так продолжалось два дня.

Но до сих пор меня мучает вопрос, что это было ?

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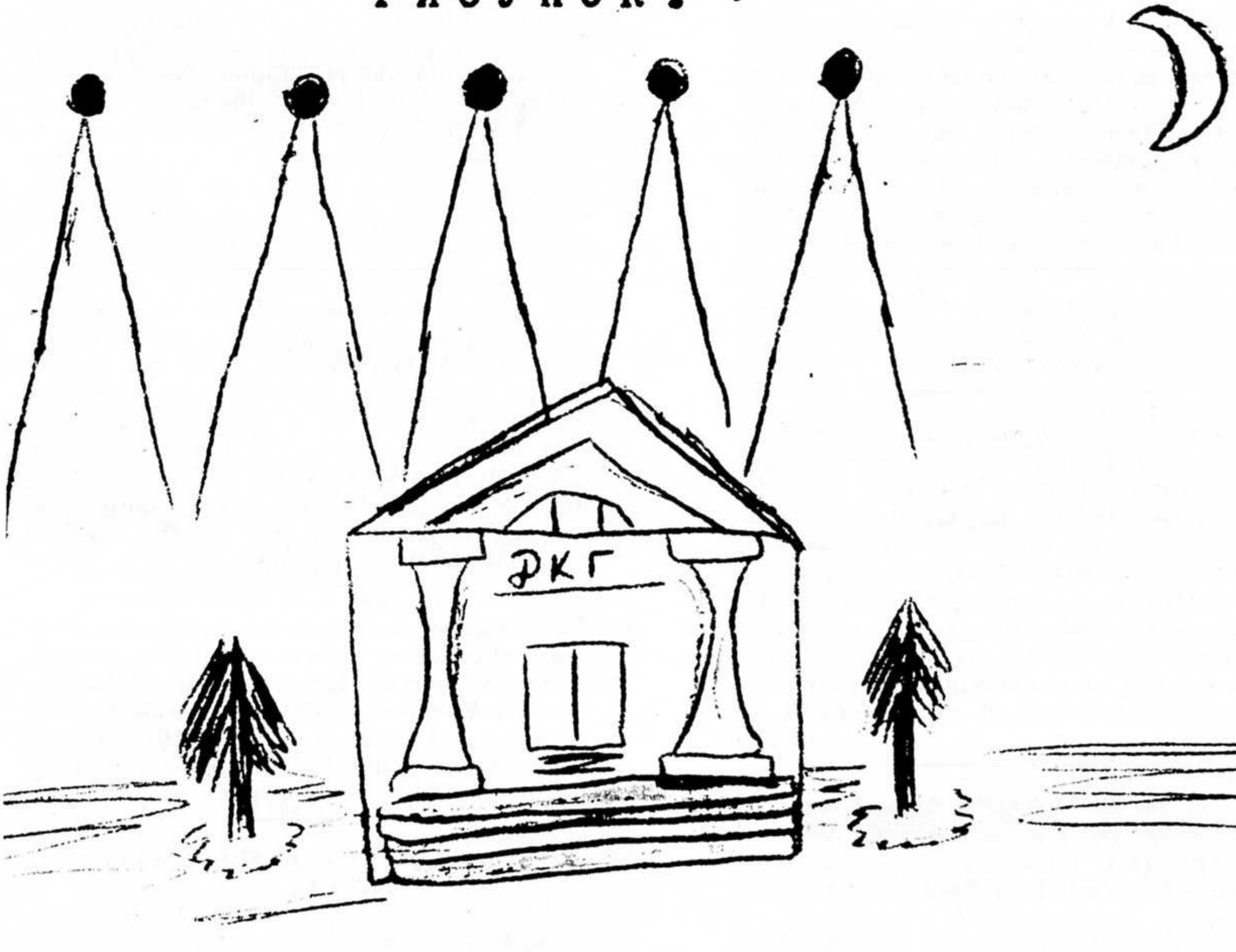

The text of Tatyana Gur'evskaya's letter, with her sketch showing the five plasma vortices lined up and inspecting the coalminers' "Palace of Culture" at Kushva. (Compare with our STOP PRESS report, on rear cover, of the five plasma vortices that terrorized a Canadian farmer in 1974.)

flattened as though by a gigantic iron, was left in the snow".

On 16 July, said the newspaper, workers on a collective farm in the Perm' region claimed to have seen *"a group of huge headless beings"*. And, in mid-July, *there had been a case at a summer-camp at Sol'nechny, where children had seen humanoids. One of the boys threw a stone at the creatures, and a humanoid fired a shot at him, setting the surrounding grass alight. The creatures had "glowing eyes".*

XVI – MORE BRIEF REPORTS ©

TASS Agency Refutation

1. In July 1989 the TASS News Agency "deflated" a report which had appeared in the newspaper *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya (Socialist Industry).* This report had quoted the Soviet Ufologist Aleksandr Kuzovkin as having said that a patch of burnt ground 26 ft. wide which had been found in a meadow near the southern outskirts of Moscow had probably been caused by the landing of a UFO there. Not so — claimed TASS. They said it was far more likely to have been a haystack which had caught fire and burned the ground!

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2. The newspaper *Rabochaya Tribuna* of February 17, 1990, devoted its entire fourth page to UFOs, including a discussion of the question as to whether or not the UFOs are being flown by extraterrestrials.

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3. The newspaper *Rabochaya Tribuna* of February 22, 1990, carried a report by Krasnoyarsk militia men who claimed that two disk-shaped UFOs followed their patrol cars. The UFOs moved slowly above them on a "parallel course" for 3 or 4 kilometers. When the patrol cars stopped at the village of Drokino the militia men claimed that one of the saucers landed on a hill near their cars and harrassed them with rays of yellow and red light before flying away. (Militia = Soviet Police).

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4. *Sovetskaya Rossiya* of 3 March, 1990, published an article suggesting possible "explanations" for such anomalous phenomena as UFOs.

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5. The 23 March issue of the Soviet journal *Novoe Vremya* cited Ronald Reagan's and Mikhail Gorbachev's first meeting in Geneva when the idea was discussed that the US and the USSR should unite in the event of an invasion from Outer Space and try to defend Earth from the extraterrestrials. (It also cited the idea of the Soviet astrophysicist I. Shklovskiy, who maintained that his study of stars indicated that our planetary system is unique and, consequently, there could be no "super-civilizations" of extraterrestrials in existence.)

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6. **"A Boat" from Outer Space**

"Today" newspaper, London (March 17, 1990)

UFO sightings in Russia are common, but now TASS has reported the arrival of a "riverboat from Space".

The "unidentified flying object" appeared over the Volga town of Ulyanovsk, where Lenin was born. It had flashing red and yellow beams and was sending out a ray of fire and coded signals, said TASS Agency reporter Nikolai Milov.

"It looked something like a river-vessel with windows. Two weeks earlier, a group of policemen saw something very similar", said Milov. Asked if it might have been the work of hoaxers, the TASS Agency said: *"TASS never jokes".*

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7. ***Vechernaya Moskva* for March 24, 1990, reported that the scientist Vladimir Azhazha, had been appointed as the head of the new All-Union Inter-Industrial Ufological Scientific Co-ordination Centre of the USSR Academy of Sciences, the first centre to represent the USSR as a whole in research concentrated on the UFO phenomenon.**

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8. The Soviet military journal *Kommunist Vooruzhennykh Sil* (March 1990) contained a 7-page article on UFOs which includes a passage that refers to the "political character" of cycles in attitudes toward the publication of reports on UFO sightings. The article notes that during politically conservative periods Soviet censors have been able to prohibit the publication of such articles. Unlike those "cold periods", the Soviet Union is now in a "hot times" phase, and the public is being encouraged to focus its attention on UFOs. Even the prestigious Academy of Sciences has established official organs to study UFOs and disseminate information about them.

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9. The *Rabochaya Tribuna* (March 24, 1990) reported that an ethylene pipeline inspector for the Nizhnekamsk Petrochemical Authority in the Bashkir Autonomous Republic, after being ordered by his dispatcher to check his run of pipe after monitoring instruments began fluctuating erratically, reported back that a UFO was hovering over the area where the pipe was buried, and that rays emanating from the UFO were touching the ground above the pipeline.

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10. The newspaper *Sovetskaya Estonia* (April 5, 1990) reported that many observers, including one of its own correspondents, had recently seen UFOs flying over Estonia. The UFOs reportedly hovered above power-lines along the Tallin Highway, and the newspaper published photographs of them sent by correspondent Y. Karpova.

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11. **Giant UFO Allegedly Shot Down by Soviet Air Force**

On June 25, 1990, both the *Daily Express* and the *Daily Mail,* leading British national papers, reported that, according to statements made in Munich by Soviet scientists attending the international UFO conference held there, Soviet figh-

ter craft shot down an enormous UFO over a remote region of Azerbaidjan in 1983.

They said that the matter had been hushed up by the Russian Government, but that recently details about the affair had leaked out. These included documents about the case, and a photo of the wreckage of the UFO, etc.

The two Russian fighter craft were MIG-25s. When they intercepted the UFO it began to head for them on a collision course so they each fired a rocket at it. It turned to a vivid colour and fell to earth.

The wreckage was discovered by two mushroom-pickers, who later died mysteriously (allegedly from exposure to radiation).

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

Naturally we have seen no corroboration of this story from any Soviet source, nor is such corroboration to be expected, any more than it would be expected anywhere outside the USSR were a UFO to be shot down over our territories. However, it is true that, over the years, we have seen several other unconfirmed Russian stories of this kind, which still remain in the FSR files, unpublished. We may find space in the near future for an article on some of these earlier cases. — G.C.

12. Another Reported Soviet Encounter with a UFO

On July 23, 1990, *Radio Moscow* (in English) was heard to report that, according to a story revealed in the newspaper *Trud,* the crews of two Soviet planes had simultaneously spotted a UFO one day in September 1984. It directed a bright beam of light at them. The radio report went on: "It has been learned from competent sources that one of the members of the crew of one of the two aircraft had his spleen affected, and finally died of incurable gangrene in 1985. His co-pilot had also suffered serious physical effects, his heart-muscles being severely affected by the powerful electro-magnetic force from the UFO."

(Credit and thanks to FSR reader A. Calvert of Barnet, who heard this *Radio Moscow* broadcast).

13. Soviet TV shows UFO Film

According to a report in the Spanish newspaper *La Verdad* of May 27, 1990, from their representative in Moscow, Lope Guerrero, the Soviet Television showed recently (February 1990) a film with shots, taken by a professional, showing a UFO with far clearer details than have ever been normally seen hitherto on such pictures.

The UFO had been seen, flying westwards, by many residents of the Moscow suburb of Kirovsk, who also observed that two aircraft, apparently military, were pursuing it.

14. The Views of a Russian "Seer", Yuri Tarasov

One very odd report, of which we have the text, as published in a British newspaper in May 1990 (the name of the paper has not yet been identified) relates the views of a "Soviet wizard" or "soothsayer", Yuri Tarasov, *who is prophesying that Russia will overcome her grave economic crisis in five years, possibly with the help of aliens in flying saucers!* He says: "We must be patient . . . It will take four to five years . . . it will be a difficult 'pregnancy' . . . but I predict no famine, and we'll give birth to a healthy child!"

However, the most astonishingly interesting part of the "Wizard's" statement related to *the source of the UFOs!*

Said Yuri Tarasov:-

> "They do not come from Outer Space, but are crewed by representatives from a parallel civilization here on Earth which is much more advanced than we are. One day they will help to rid us of many of our troubles."

NOTE BY EDITOR FSR

The ideas about aliens in flying saucers coming from a *"Hollow Earth"* are of course hoary old chestnuts that have been with us for a long time and have been propagated by a number of writers whose credentials are more than usually dubious. But it is at least interesting to note that this Russian seer is claiming that UFOs emanate (1) *from here,* and (2) *"from a parallel civilization",* for that is precisely what I was told in 1957 by the Indonesian mystic and religious teacher Muhammad Subuh.

Muhammad Subuh said: *"I have long known about them. They are of this Earth."* On the very rare occasions in later years when some of us managed to get him to speak on what was clearly a highly unwelcome subject to him, he made the following statements to us:-

(1) *"Never forget that there are more of 'Them' than there are of you!"*

(2) "If you knew what 'They' are, YOU WOULD BE TERRIFIED!"

Clearly, therefore, this genuine seer and mystic from Indonesia did not share the absurdly optimistic ideas of the Russian charlatan Yuri Tarasov. *All in all then, it can be taken as certain that Muhammad Subuh endorsed the view, so widely held in the East, that the UFO entities are the JINNS of which there is so much talk in the texts and traditions of Islam. (If so, then anyone who deliberately seeks to make contact, with no sense of discrimination whatever, with JINNS, must assuredly be in need of the attention of a psychiatrist!)* Admittedly it would be equally foolish of us to assume automatically that *all* alien creatures encountered are to be numbered among the *"Baddies",* and I feel certain that, merely on grounds of probability and commonsense, this must be the case. However, it remains a fact that it seems to be extremely difficult for us poor humans to arrive at the truth about this. And the Eastern traditions about the JINNS, copious as those traditions are, can do very little to help us, since the term "JINN" is a blanket one, applied indiscriminately to a whole range of non-human creatures, some of which are held to be good and benevolent while others are not. Surely in such a situation the greatest circumspection is called for. And for human investigation groups to set themselves up using the word "CONTACT" as part of their very title seems to be the greatest conceivable folly, and one likely to lead to some shattering disillusionments! — G.C.

COMING SOON

More Russian cases (including Russian UFO photos). More on Belgium. Also an extraordinary creature contact case from Poland.

XVII – NEW RUSSIAN "YETI" REPORTS ©

Several Soviet press reports in the first days of October 1989 mentioned new sightings of hairy anthropoid-like creatures. The Trade Union newspaper *Trud* said that "mountain *yetis* had been raiding remote farms in the Volga Valley". Three of the strange creatures, walking with giant strides, had been seen crossing a meadow. Children saw another, 7 ft. tall, "with a half-human face".

On October 8, 1989, the *Komsomol'skaya Pravda* carried a report on an extraordinary event said to have taken place in an orchard near Saratov (Southern Russia: 51° 30 N., 46° 02 E.) on September 21. The TASS News Agency also carried this report. It said that several orchard watchmen had *"grappled with a hairy, yellow-fanged creature", and for a while even had managed to subdue it, and get it into the boot of a car — whence, however, it had subsequently escaped!*

In the same month (October 1989) the newspaper *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* published an appeal to the Soviet public in the Omsk region of Siberia to refrain from shooting at *"Abominable Snowmen"*. The paper said that at Tevrizki, near Omsk, a man named A. Kishkov and some of his friends, on their motorbicycles, had pursued a *Yeti* for five days!

Other press reports mentioned that scientists from Moscow University had recently made an exploratory trip to the Pamir Mountains *("The Roof of the World")* in Soviet Central Asia, where in pre-revolutionary days (i.e. before 1917) the *Yetis* had been quite abundant. Although this particular group from the University had no success themselves, they found much good evidence that the creatures, over 2 metres in height, covered with white or reddish fur, *and always walking erect on their hind legs,* do indeed exist and are seen (usually individually) in the uninhabited wastes of the High Pamirs.

ADDENDUM

N.B. The *Daily Telegraph* of August 14, 1990, carries the following item:-

Beastly Shock for Border Guards

REUTER report from Russia.

Soviet KGB border guards were put on high alert after a patrol saw a 6 ft. creature with glowing eyes, TASS said yesterday.

The beast, which startled guards in the Soviet Far East, was said to resemble the mythical *Abominable Snowman.*

The patrol commander sounded the alarm but the animal disappeared, only to be spotted trying to climb on to a roof, but again it fled, this time into the woods, the report said.

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NOTE BY EDITOR

The names *"Abominable Snowman", "Yeti",* etc., still quite favoured nowadays by the trendy quiz-programme merchants and the gag-writers and the comedians, are inevitably linked in the mind of the populace (if it *has* a "mind"), with such territories as Tibet, Nepal, and the Himalayas. Few folk realize that in fact *relatively less* Yeti sighting reports have ever come from that part of the world. Most have come from the north-western regions of North-America, from China, and, above all, from the Soviet Union's vast territories in Central and Further and Northern Asia. Likewise, few people in the outside world are aware of the extremely important contributions made to scientific research and exploration in this field by such Soviet scientists and savants as Professor Boris Porshnev; Professor Jeanne Josefovna Kofman; Professor Obruchev; the explorers Col. Prjevalsky, and V.A. Khaklov; by the Pole W. Plawinski; and by the Mongolian scholars Professor Rinchen, and Dr. Jamtsarano, as well as at least a score of other investigators and pioneers.

Here in Britain two remarkably good and informative books, *Snowman And Company,* and *The Yeti: Russian Expeditions Manned By Scientists Are Close To Discovering the Identity of the Abominable Snowman,* were written by the lady journalist Odette Tchernine, herself of Russian origin. This second book came out in 1970, published by Neville Spearman. Steps were at once taken to see that it had little impact, and got as few reviews or mentions as possible. (This was probably largely due to the fact that a considerable amount of the supporting research work for it had been done by myself, from Russian, Tibetan, Chinese, and Mongolian sources. Maximum care is always taken to see that as little mention as possible is ever made of G. Creighton.)

For those who can manage to have access to a copy through their local lending library, this book will be found to be quite an eye-opener. And it contains a list, compiled by myself, of 132 names, or variant-names, used in all parts of the world, for mysterious bipedal creatures of the types denoted by such blanket terms as *"Yeti"* or *"Abominable Snowman".* The evidence, profuse but extremely confusing, seems to indicate that *a portion* of "the phenomenon" *may* relate to what we call the 'UFO Problem', while another part of it may relate to a few last straggling survivors of several kinds of what the Russian scientists call *"Human Relics"* or *"Relict Human Species".*

Throughout the last seventy years there have been numerous reports of sightings of the *"Snezhniy Chelovek"* — the *"Snowman"* (the normal Russian name for the ABSM or Yeti) and I recollect at least three cases in which Soviet frontier guards in Central Asia and the Pamirs had allegedly shot *"Snowmen"* and concrete proof in the form of *corpses* was available.

The subject is still one of tremendous interest to many people in Russia, and, as our readers may have noted, our friends of the Yaroslavl' UFO Research Group even mounted an expedition themselves recently to the Pamir Mountains, the *"Roof of the World",* in search of the *"Yeti".*

I shall not be at all surprised if it is the Russian explorers and scientists and writers who, in this field, give us the final answers — *at least insofar as the evidence for "Human Relics" is concerned.*

Here once more, as I have emphasised, the Russian researchers have displayed the admirably wide scope of their activities, and their ability to engage in *"lateral thinking".* In the USA and Britain a far narrower viewpoint usually prevails. — G.C.

FLASH! STOP PRESS! CANADIAN FARMER TERRORIZED IN 1974 BY STAINLESS STEEL PLASMA VORTICES

Gordon Creighton

We are indebted to FSR Consultant Paul Whitehead who recently "re-discovered" for us this fascinating item which we originally published so long ago as FSR Volume 20, No. 3 (December 1974) and which we now reproduce below for the delectation of all our readers:-

Canada: The Farmer and Five UFOs

The Edmonton Journal (of Edmonton, Alberta) of September 4, 1974, carried this agency report from Langenburg, Saskatchewan,—

Langenburg, Sask. (CP) — "RCMP constable Ron Morier says he doesn't think a district farmer is trying to pull a hoax with his claim of seeing saucer-shaped objects hovering about a foot over a slough near his rapeseed field six miles north of here.

"Edwin Fuhr, 36, claims five 'stainless steel' objects stayed for 15 minutes before leaving. He says there were depressions in the foot-high grass about 11 feet in diameter where they had been.

"Constable Morier visited the farm Monday in this community 120 miles north-east of Regina for a first-hand look.

" 'They took me out to where they'd seen these things in the grass. I saw the rings . . .

" 'Something was there and I doubt it was a hoax. There's no indication anything had been wheeled in or out and Mr. Fuhr seemed genuinely scared.'

"Constable Morier took photographs and measurements and sent his information to the National Research Council in Ottawa.

" 'Some farmers are afraid to work their fields,' the constable said. 'At least that's what I hear on coffee row.'

"Mr Fuhr says he got down from his swather and moved to within 15 feet of the objects.

" 'All of a sudden I noticed the grass was moving . . . turning near this thing. I just watched it for about two minutes and then noticed that the whole thing was turning.

" 'I backed up slow. I wasn't going to turn my back on the thing. When I got back to the swather, I noticed there were another four to the left of me, all revolving, I just froze on the seat and didn't move.

" 'I was terrified. I froze. I couldn't do anything.

" 'Then they took off (after 15 minutes) . . . straight up. There was a grey vapour coming from underneath them, and a strong wind. I had to hang on to my hat and it knocked the rape down.'

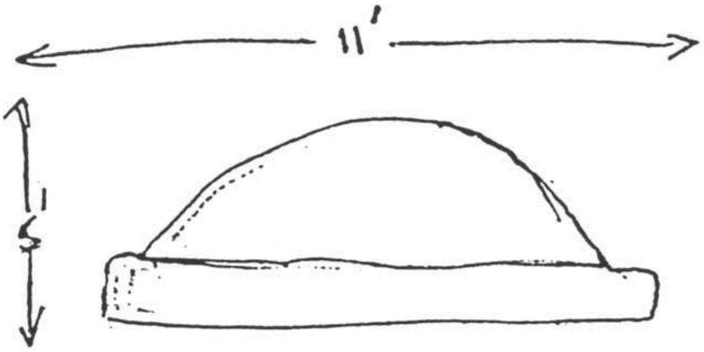
"It took two minutes for the objects to disappear into the clouds and another two minutes for Mr. Fuhr to come down from his swather.

" 'I wanted to be sure they were gone.'

"He then examined the circular depressions left by the objects.

" 'I felt the grass to see if it was warm. There was nothing you could feel and there wasn't any smell.' "

Credit: Mrs. M. Junck of Edmonton, Alberta and W.K. Allan of Kelowna, B.C.



Above right: Edwin Fuhr shows where one of the objects hovered over his field
Above left: Fuhr's drawing of how the objects appeared on taking off
Below right: Fuhr's drawing of the first object seen

A WEIRD AMERICAN PHENOMENON OF 1874

We are indebted to FSR reader Mrs Florence Dyess of Mobile, Alabama, for this interesting item from the newspaper *Mississippi Press* of 26 March, 1986. — EDITOR

1874 'UFO' SIGHTING TELLS OF LUMINOUS 'ELECTRIC CLOUD'

By Don Broadus, Mississippi Press *Staff*

CHARLES Hickson and Calvin Parker reported they were taken aboard a UFO in October 1973, while fishing from the west bank of the Pascagoula River.* Through the years, other UFO sightings have been reported in and around Pascagoula, but the Hickson incident gained more attention than any of the others.

Perhaps, however, another sighting almost 100 years before the Hickson incident would have rivalled the Hickson venture if it had been afforded today's communications network.

Instead, the event was reported in the August 22, 1874, edition of the *Star of Pascagoula,* and no doubt was read and discussed for years by the newspaper's readers, who probably numbered no more than a few hundred.

The report follows:–

Singular phenomenon

On the night of 13th inst. (i.e. August 13, 1874 (ED.), a singular and awe-inspiring phenomenon was observed at the village upon the sea-shore, corroborated by several reliable witnesses.

The evening had been very close and sultry, and between 10 and 11 o'clock a violent squall and thunderstorm, accompanied with heavy rain and hail, came down from the North.

This did not last more than half an hour, the wind lulling and shifting to the west, but coming in fitful gusts, when the luminous electric cloud, for such it seems to have been, passed through the western extremity of the village.

Coming from the north-west, which would be from over the marsh and bays of the Pascagoula Rivers, just above their mouths, it moved south-eastwardly along the Sound towards Horn Island Pass, the extreme left flank — so to express it — sweeping over Mrs Willis's, the White House (apparently a local hotel. ED.), and buildings adjacent.

It contained intense heat. Mrs Willis had just put her head out of the front window when she was stifled by the burning hot gust from the west, and felt as if her hair had been scorched from her head.

She instantly thought "the house is on fire", and ran back to observe the kitchen. She thinks the heat was sufficient to have set the house on fire had it continued ten minutes. It felt as if she had put her face near a red-hot furnace.

Mr Trudel — host of the White House — and several of his boarders felt the heat and saw the illuminating cloud. Mr T. thought, from the light and heat, that the hotel was on fire, and upon that instant came near to sounding the alarm. The heat he imagined had blistered his face and hands, and he felt to see if his beard had gone. As the heat-blast passed, he noticed the light, which illuminated the buildings and surrounding objects.

A Mr Ladnier, who was asleep on the front gallery of the building adjoining the White House, whither he had taken refuge from the rain, was awakened by the intense heat on his face, and clearly observed the cloud of light, which was moving slowly along and seemed to be about half-a-mile in length, on a line between him and Horn Island, and about thirty feet deep. It illuminated all objects over which it passed, and seemed itself to be moving about three or four yards above the inky black water below it. And all around it was dark, nothing being distinguishable except *that light.*

He noticed it pass over a vessel at anchor, about half a mile from the shore, making the ship's spars and rigging become distinctly visible. He was much alarmed, and remarked to his brother, who was with him, that "the whole world was on fire".

Several other people also saw and felt the effects of the phenomenon. Some thought "the Comet had struck us", and others thought "Judgement Day" had come.

It soon passed, and all was again dark and still.

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Early in 1986, Betty Rodgers, vice-president of the Jackson County Genealogical Society, sent a copy of the above article to the Climatic Data Center at Asheville, North Carolina. And she received the following reply from Paul Hudspeth:–

> "We have no information about the phenomenon in the newspaper article. The only weather station in Mississippi in 1874 was in Vicksburg. The article seems to me to be a very good description of 'ball lightning'."

According to the *Weather Almanac,* ball lightning appears as a luminous globe, or doughnut-shaped. It hisses as it hurtles from clouds to Earth, maneuvers at high speed, rolls along structures, or lies suspended in the air.

FOOTNOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

*See (1) *The Pascagoula UFO and Occupant Incident,* by Richard Heiden, in FSR 20/6 (1974)

See also (2), *The Cappoquin Sighting,* by Charles Gibb-Smith, in FSR 12/2 (1966).

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